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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

An effective, proven leader with three+ decades of experience in higher education and the nonprofit sector, I am familiar with both public and private institutions of varying sizes, missions, and geographies. My strengths include highly effective communication skills, relationship-building and collaboration, strategic visioning and implementation, on-campus and community engagement, integrity and transparency, resource management, faculty and staff professional development, and a keen understanding of the shifting landscape of higher education. I am deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, with a proven track record both in and out of academia. A first-generation college student who benefitted profoundly from a comprehensive liberal arts education, I believe that *all people* should have access to life-changing knowledge, growth, and opportunities.

EDUCATION

B.A. 1988, Sociology, University of Chicago
Ph.D. 1995, Sociology, University of California, San Francisco
Postdoctoral Fellow 1995-1996, Center for Biomedical Ethics, Stanford University

KEY LEADERSHIP ROLES

Dean, College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University (2020 – present)
Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Inclusion, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences,
University of Arizona (2015 – 2020)
Co-Founder, UA Consortium on Gender-Based Violence (2018)
Head, Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Arizona (2012 – 2015)
Director, School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts
and Sciences, Arizona State University (2008 – 2012)
Director, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, Vanderbilt University (2004 – 2008)
Publisher and Editor, *Trivium: Voices of Feminism* (2011 – present)
Managing Co-Editor and Co-Owner, *The Feminist Wire* (2011 – present)
Executive Director, Intersex Society of North America, Seattle, WA (2003)
Development Director, Chicago Abused Women Coalition/Greenhouse Shelter (1989 – 1990)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Babylost: An Infant Mortality Alphabet Book*, under contract with Rutgers University Press
- Critical Trauma Studies: Violence, Conflict, and Memory in Everyday Life*, ed., with Eric Wertheimer. New York: NYU Press, 2016.
- The Body: Social and Cultural Dissections*, with Lisa Jean Moore. London: Routledge, 2014.
- Corpus: An Interdisciplinary Reader on Bodies and Knowledge*, ed., with Paisley Currah. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
- Missing Bodies: The Politics of Visibility*, with Lisa Jean Moore. New York: NYU Press, 2009.
- Synthetic Planet: Chemical Politics and the Hazards of Modern Life*, ed. New York, NY: Routledge, 2003.
- The Making of the Unborn Patient: A Social Anatomy of Fetal Surgery*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1998. [Winner of the 1998 C. Wright Mills Award]

Selected Journal Articles

- Mel Ferrara and Monica J. Casper, "Genital Alteration and Intersex: A Critical Analysis." *Current Sexual Health Reports*, March 2018, 1-6.
- "But Is It Sociology?" *Engaging Science, Technology and Society*, 2, 2016.
- "When Cities Fail, Babies Die." *Metropolitix*, February 2, 2016.
- Darnell L. Moore and Monica J. Casper, "Love in the Time of Racism." *Ada: A Journal of Gender, New Media, and Technology*, 5, 2014.
- "A Ruin of Elephants," *Oppositional Conversations*, 2, 2014.
- "Biopolitics of Infant Mortality," *Anthropologies*, 17, 2013.
- William Paul Simmons and Monica J. Casper, "Culpability, Social Triage, and Structural Violence in the Aftermath of Katrina." *Perspectives on Politics*, 10(3), 2012.
- Daniel R. Morrison and Monica J. Casper, "Intersections of Disability Studies and Critical Trauma Studies: A Provocation." *Disability Studies Quarterly*, April 2012.
- Laura M. Carpenter and Monica J. Casper, "A Tale of Two Technologies: HPV Vaccination, Male Circumcision, and Sexual Health," *Gender and Society* 23(6), 2009, 790-816.
- Laura M. Carpenter and Monica J. Casper, "Global Intimacies: Innovating the HPV Vaccine for Women's Health," *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 37(1/2), 2009, 80-100.
- Monica J. Casper and Laura M. Carpenter, "Sex, Drugs, and Politics: The HPV Vaccine for Cervical Cancer," *Sociology of Health and Illness*, 30(6), 2008, 886-899.

Selected Book Chapters

- Mel Ferrara and Monica J. Casper, "Biopolitics," in *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2nd edition. Forthcoming.
- "Excess Gains and Losses: Maternal Obesity, Infant Mortality, and Biopolitics of Blame," in Eileen P. Anderson-Fye and Alexandra Brewis (eds.), *Fat Planet: Obesity, Culture, and Symbolic Body Capital*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press/School for Advanced Research Press, 2017.

Daniel R. Morrison and Monica J. Casper, "Gender, Violence, and Brain Injury In and Out Of the NFL: What Counts as Harm?" in David J. Leonard, Kimberly George, and Wade Davis (eds.), *Football, Culture, and Power*. New York: Routledge, 2016.

"No Justice for Trayvon: White Women in the Jury Box," in Kevin Alexander Gray, Jeffrey St. Clair, and JoAnn Wypijewski (eds.), *Killing Trayvons: An Anthology of American Violence*. CounterPunch, 2014.

"Abduction or Kidnapping of Children," in Robert E. Emery and J. Geoffrey Golson (eds.), *Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An Encyclopedia*. Sage Publications, 2013.

Public Scholarship

"Commentary: A rush back to campus is sowing distrust at universities," *Chicago Tribune*, July 10, 2020.

"Gassing Migrants is Immoral and Illegal," *Arizona Daily Star*, November 28, 2018.

"Survivors Who Disclose Need Empathy, Not Judgment," with Edna Meza Aguirre, *Arizona Daily Star*, November 8, 2017.

"An Open Letter to University Presidents, Provosts, and Governing Boards, with Adela C. Licona, *The Feminist Wire*, February 1, 2017.

"Why We Need Mother's Day, All Year Long," College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, May 8, 2016.

"An Interview with Sherry Payne: Nurse, Childbirth Educator, Womanist," *The Feminist Wire*, January 5, 2015.

"Black Lives Matter/Black Life Matters: A Conversation with Patrisse Cullors and Darnell L. Moore," *The Feminist Wire*, December 1, 2014.

"Rotten to the Core: The NFL and Domestic Violence," with David J. Leonard, *The Feminist Wire*, September 8, 2014.

"The Color of Infant Mortality," *The Feminist Wire*, September 3, 2014.

"Feminists We Love: Carol Anshaw," *The Feminist Wire*, May 16, 2014.

"Feminists We Love: Amy Wheeler," *The Feminist Wire*, August 31, 2013.

"No Justice for Trayvon: White Women in the Jury Box," *The Feminist Wire*, July 17, 2013.

"Feminists We Love: Sandra Fluke," *The Feminist Wire*, July 5, 2013.

"Myths of Progress and Cartographies of Hate," with Darnell L. Moore, *The Feminist Wire*, May 30, 2013.

"Choosing Our Own Lives: Two 40-Something Feminists Reflect on Roe," with Aishah Shahidah Simmons, *The Feminist Wire*, January 22, 2013.

"What We Aren't Talking About When We Talk About Gun Control," *The Feminist Wire*, January 18, 2013.

"Out of the Shadows: A Conversation with Evelyn C. White," *The Feminist Wire*, November 1, 2012.

"Because Women Matter," *The Feminist Wire*, October 23, 2012.

"When Injured Brains Speak," with Daniel R. Morrison, *The Feminist Wire*, May 12, 2012.

- “HerStory #10: Georgia O’Keeffe,” A Project of Chick History, March 4, 2012. To listen: <http://herstoryproject.blogspot.com/2012/03/herstory-10-georgia-okeeffe-by-monica.html>
- “The Intimacy of Mentoring,” *The Feminist Wire*, December 23, 2011.
- “We Don’t Just Litigate and Leave: A Conversation with NAPW,” *The Feminist Wire*, June 27, 2011.
- “The United States of Incarceration” with LaToyyia Knight-Gonzales, *The Feminist Wire*, May 11, 2011.
- “Reproductive Tourism,” *The Feminist Wire*, April 13, 2011.
- “Not Your Mother’s Breast Milk,” *The Feminist Wire*, March 20, 2011.
- “Our Reproductive Dystopia: Or, WTF?” *The Feminist Wire*, March 2, 2011.
- “Less Is Not More,” *The Feminist Wire*, February 11, 2011.
- “Does Traumatic Brain Injury Have a Gender?” with Daniel R. Morrison, *The Feminist Wire*, February 2, 2011.
- “Reproductive Rights in Black and White,” *The Feminist Wire*, January 4, 2011.
- “Fetal Surgery Then and Now,” *Conscience: The Newsjournal of Catholic Opinion*, 28(3): 24-27, Autumn 2007.
- “Genital Fixations: What’s Wrong with Treating Intersex in the Womb?” with Courtney Muse, *American Sexuality Magazine*, March 2006.
- “Constructing Fetal Citizens” with Lynn M. Morgan, *Anthropology News*, December 2004.
- “Fetus shouldn’t rob woman of personhood” with Lynn M. Morgan, *Springfield Republican*, May 2, 2004.
- “Pro-life government decision is unfair to American families,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, November 26, 2003.
- “Chemical Weapons: Incineration Island,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, 58(2): 17-19, March/April, 2002.

Creative Writing

- “The Easter Bunny Is Not Who You Think She Is.” *Medium*, April 11, 2020.
- “The Heartbeat Bill: Addenda.” *Medium*, April 11, 2019.
- “A Constellation (in my left breast).” *Moonsick Magazine*, Issue 17, 2016.
- “Lucky Girl.” *TRIVIA: Voices of Feminism*, Issue 17, Winter 2016.
- “How to Read a CV.” *Moonsick Magazine*, Issue 8, 2016.
- “Toward a Theory and Praxis of Sustainable Feminism.” *TRIVIA: Voices of Feminism*, Issue 16, Spring 2014.
- “Oculus,” *Mojave River Review*, Winter 2014. [Nominated for Best of the Net and a Pushcart Prize.]
- “Women. Horse. Mountain.” *TRIVIA: Voices of Feminism*, Issue 15, Fall 2013.
- “Postpartum,” *Vine Leaves Literary Journal*, Issue 3, July 2012.
[Selected for the “Best of 2012” print edition.]
- “Weightless,” *The Linnet’s Wings*, Spring 2012.
- “Tangled Up in Blue,” *Slow Trains*, Spring 2011.

- “Danish Folk Tale,” *Spilling Ink Review*, Issue 4, 2011.
- “Panic: A Book Review in the Form of Autoethnography,” *Canyon Voices*, Fall 2010.
- “The Edible Parts,” *TRIVIA: Voices of Feminism*, Issue 7/8, 2008.
- “Deer in the Headlights,” *Special Edition Florida Review Chapbook*, June 2005.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS / INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS

- “I don’t have to prove anything to you’: Lessons in Life and Leadership from Female Superheroes.”
The University of Arizona Health Sciences Diversity and Inclusion, Tucson, AZ, March 11, 2020.
- “Trajectories of Trauma: Implications for Theory and Practice.” Invited keynote presentation,
Towards a Trauma-Informed Classroom and Community, University of the Incarnate Word,
San Antonio, Texas, October 26, 2019.
- “Babylost: An Infant Mortality Alphabet Book.” Invited presentation in the “Life and Death”
seminar series, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, New Brunswick, NJ, October 8, 2019.
- “Putting Sexual Assault in Context: Moving from the Individual to the Movement.” Invited keynote
at #MeToo Moves Forward: Coming Together to Reclaim Our Voices and Power, Tucson
Convention Center, Tucson, Arizona, June 24, 2018.
- “What Is Trauma?” Invited keynote presentation, Blurring the Boundaries: Trauma and Healing
Justice Symposium, American Friends Service Committee/YWCA, Tucson, Arizona, May
31, 2017.
- “Intersectional Perspectives on Violence Against Women and Girls.” Diversity Matters Workshop,
Office of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Arizona Health Sciences, November 29, 2016.
- “The Quiet Politics of Infant Mortality: Race, Survival, and Reproductive Justice.” Women’s and
Gender Studies, Texas A&M University, February 23, 2016.
- “Social Dimensions of Reproductive Health.” Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Grand
Rounds, Arizona Health Sciences Center, University of Arizona, October 21, 2015.
- “New Media Activism.” Panelist, New Articulation/New Translations: Feminist Research Activism
conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 26, 2015.
- “Mediating Feminisms: The Feminist Wire Editors and Writers Roundtable.” Invited presentation
at Scripps College, Claremont, CA, February 13, 2014.
- “Trauma and Human Rights.” Invited presentation for Human Rights in China: Seminar on Multi-
Disciplinary Human Rights Research from China. Organized by the Norwegian Centre for
Human Rights and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law,
Oslo, Norway, November 3, 2010.
- “Phantom Babies and Spectral Women: Infant Mortality, Maternal/Child Health, and Women’s
Empowerment.” Invited presentation in the Centre for STS Studies, Aarhus University,
Aarhus, Denmark, October 29, 2010.
- “Accounting for Death: Unraveling the Infant Mortality Rate.” Invited presentation in the
Department of Science and Technology Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, April 26,
2010.
- “On Babies, Bodies, and Pregnant Women: What’s Wrong with Maternal/Infant Health?” Annual
Mary Edwards Lecture, Purchase College, SUNY, Purchase, NY, April 22, 2010.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE

- Member, Advisory Board, UA Consortium on Gender-Based Violence (2020 – present)
- Member, Advisory Board, Tucson’s January 8th Memorial (2018 – present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Tucson’s January 8th Memorial (2017 – 2018)
- Member, Board of Directors, WOMB: Watching Over Mothers and Babies Foundation (2015 – 2017)
- Member, Board of Directors, Planned Parenthood of Arizona (2012 – 2013)
- National Advisory Board, Institute for Children’s Environmental Health (2004 – 2009)
- Member, Collaborative on Health and the Environment (2002 – 2007)
- Member, Nashville CABLE (2004 – 2007)
- Member, Board of Directors, Institute for Children’s Environmental Health (2002 – 2004)
- Consultant, Breast Cancer Action, San Francisco (1995)
- Member, Board of Directors, Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women, San Francisco (1991 – 1993)

MEDIA

- Interview on SlutWalk and gender-based violence, *The Daily Wildcat*, November 13, 2019.
- Interview on Consortium on Gender-Based Violence, *The Daily Wildcat*, March 26, 2019.
- Interview on gender-based violence, KXCI, “Broad Perspectives,” June 17, 2018.
- Interview on trauma and resilience, American Beauty Project and Podcast, May 3, 2018
- Interview on gender-based violence, UA School of Journalism, November 29, 2017.
- Interview on superheroes in popular culture, *Women’s Health*, January 5, 2016.
- Interview on Arizona abortion law, *The Daily Wildcat*, June 2, 2015.
- Interview on the Black Life Matters conference, KXCI, January 12, 2015.
- Interview on imposter syndrome, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 5, 2014.
- Interview on HIV/AIDS and Truvada, *Scottsdale Chronicle*, September 20, 2012.
- Interview on fetal surgery for Sanjay Gupta’s show, CNN, October 20, 2008.
- Interview on single women and motherhood, *The Tennessean*, January 12, 2006
- Interview on gender and environmental politics, *Plenty Magazine*, December 29, 2005
- Interview on ethics of fetal surgery, *Los Angeles Times*, August 16, 2005
- Interview on reality TV and cultural views of women’s sexuality, *Houston Chronicle*, May 2, 2005
- Interview on transgender and intersex issues, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 30, 2003.
- Interview on transgender and intersex issues, *Vanity Fair*, May 27, 2003.
- Interview on intersex issues, World of Wonder/TechTV, May 6, 2003.
- Interview on intersex issues, *The Tablet*, February 24, 2003.
- Interview on intersex issues, *Girlfriends*, February 18, 2003.
- Interview on intersex issues and fetal politics, GenderTalk Radio, February 17, 2003.
- Interview on intersex movement and new directions, *New York Times*, January 2003.

Interview on balancing academic work with mothering, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, December 13, 2002.

Interview on stem cell research, *City on a Hill Press*, May 17, 2001.

Interview on fetal surgery, WebMD, March 7, 2001.

Interview on environmental health research, *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, March 15, 2000.

Interview on fetal surgery, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, November 17, 1999.

Interview on fetal surgery and reproductive politics, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, July 12, 1999.

Interview on fetal surgery, *Wall Street Journal*, April 18, 1999.

Interview on fetal surgery, "The Fanny Kiefer Show," KCNW (radio), Vancouver, BC, November 1998.

Interview on fetal surgery, *Le Monde*, January 17, 1996.