

## Anna Storti

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My interdisciplinary graduate education balances service and scholarship in order to build communities across difference. Throughout my graduate career I have mentored undergraduate students as an instructor, McNair graduate fellow, and coordinator of the LGBT Equity Center's Speakers Bureau. I train my students to not only engage in politically relevant topics, but to effectively and strategically communicate as thoughtful and conscientious citizens in a multicultural society.

In addition to my mentorship, I currently serve on nominated positions in the Critical Mixed Race Studies Association (CMRS) and the Women's Studies Graduate Student Association (GSA). As president of the GSA from 2016-2017, I worked with the treasurer to fundraise \$6000 to organize "Making Interventions," a day-long feminist symposium.

I am a finalist for the 2018 UMD Outstanding Graduate Student Distinguished Service Award, and have earned multiple travel grants including one received through my winning First Place in the Elevator speech competition at the 2016 UMD Graduate Research Appreciation Day. These awards have allowed me to present my research at regional, national, and international conferences resulting in a forthcoming co-authored article, "Sexuality," in *Digital Pedagogy in the Humanities: Concepts, Models, and Experiments* published by the Modern Language Association, and a forthcoming book chapter, "How to Speak Without Words: Restorative Approaches to Intergenerational Trauma," in *International Health Communication: At the Intersection of Health and Intercultural Communication*.

My service exists in tandem with contemporary socio-political concerns and my research operates to contextualize the challenges my communities and I seek to overcome.