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## Biography

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Avery Edenfield is an associate professor of rhetoric and technical communication in the Department of English at Utah State University. His research agenda works at the intersections of technical, cultural, and public rhetorics with attention to the technical writing strategies marginalized communities employ for self-advocacy, particularly in extra-institutional contexts.

## Education

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PhD in English, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), 2016  
Areas of Concentration: Professional Writing, Rhetoric and Composition  
Master of Arts in English, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2010  
Area of Concentration: Professional Writing  
Bachelor of Arts in English, summa cum laude, Lee University, 2007

## Academic Positions

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(2022–) Inaugural Director of the Center for Intersectional Gender Studies and Research,  
Utah State University  
(2022–) Associate Professor of Technical Communication and Rhetoric,  
Department of English, Utah State University  
(2016-2022) Assistant Professor of Technical Communication and Rhetoric, Department  
of English, Utah State University

## Publications (double blind-refereed)

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Moeggenberg, Z., **Edenfield A.C.**, & Holmes, S. (2022). Trans oppression through technical rhetorics: A Queer phenomenological analysis of institutional documents. *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*. Online First. Retrieved from <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/10506519221105492>

\***Edenfield, A. C.**, Judd, H., Fishburn, E., & Gallegos, F. (2021). Unlikely allies in preventing sexual misconduct. *Communication Design Quarterly*. Online First. Retrieved from <https://sigdoc.acm.org/cdq/unlikely-allies-in-preventing-sexual-misconduct-student-led-prevention-efforts-in-a-technical-communication-classroom/>

- \*Alexander, J-J. & **Edenfield, A.C.** (2021). Health and wellness as resistance: Tactical folk medicine. *Technical Communication Quarterly*, (30)3, pp. 241-256, DOI: 10.1080/10572252.2021.1930181
- \*Itchuaqiyag, C. U., **Edenfield, A.C.**, & Grant-Dave, K. (2021). Sex work and professional risk communication: Keeping Safe on the Streets. *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*. Online First. Retrieved from <https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/YABQYTJKMFRXZPYVTNNR/full>
- Edenfield, A. C.** (2020). Managing gender care in precarity: Trans communities respond to COVID-19. *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*, (35)1, pp. 15-21.
- \*Huntsman, S., **Edenfield, A.C.**, and Davis, E. (2020). Open access textbooks in the technical communication classroom: A pilot study. *Journal of Empowering Teaching Excellence*. (4)1, pp. 1-14.
- Colton, J. S., **Edenfield, A.C.**, & Holmes, S. (2019). Workplace democracy and the problem of equality. *Technical Communication*, (66)1, pp. 53-67.
- Edenfield A.C.**, Holmes, S., & Colton, J.S., (2019). Queering tactical technical communication: DIY HRT. *Technical Communication Quarterly*, (28)3, pp. 177-191.
- Edenfield, A.C.**, Colton, J.S., & Holmes, S. (2019). Always already geopolitical: Trans health care and global tactical technical communication. *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication*, (49)4, pp. 433-457.
- Edenfield, A.C.** (2019). Research in cooperatives: Developing a politically conscious research methodology. *Technical Communication Quarterly*, (28)4, pp. 376-390
- Edenfield, A.C.** (2019). Queering consent: Justice in sexual consent messaging design. *Communication Design Quarterly*, (7)2. Retrieved <https://bit.ly/2TANHyO>
- Edenfield, A.C.** (2019). "Together we know a lot:" Consensus decision making in the classroom. Tool review. Spark: a 4C4Equality Journal, (1). Retrieved <https://bit.ly/2CjFeoU>
- Edenfield, A.C.** & Andersson, F. O. (2018). Growing pains: The transformative journey from a nascent to a formal not-for-profit venture. *Voluntas*, (29)5, pp. 1033-1043.
- Edenfield, A.C.** (2018). The burden of ambiguity: Writing at a cooperative. *Technical Communication*, (65)1, pp. 31-45.
- Edenfield, A.C.** (2017). Power and communication in worker cooperatives: An overview. *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication*, (47)3, pp. 260-279.

### **Proceedings (double blind-refereed)**

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- \*Cheek, R., Clem, S., & **Edenfield, A.C.** (2021). Trans\* vulnerability and digital research ethics: A Qubit ethical analysis of transparency activism. Proceedings of the ACM Special Interest Group on the Design of Communication Conference (SIGDOC 2021, Virtual Conference).
- Edenfield, A.C.** & Ledbetter, L. (2019). Tactical technical communication in communities. In (2019) Proceedings of the ACM Special Interest Group on the Design of

Communication Conference (SIGDOC 2019), October 4–6, 2019, Portland, Oregon, USA. ACM, New York, NY, USA.

Rose, E.J., **Edenfield, A.C.**, Walton, R., et al. (2018). Social justice in UX: Centering marginalized users. Proceedings of the 36th ACM International Conference on the Design of Communication SIGDOC '18, ACM Press, 1–2. Extended Abstract.

**Edenfield, A.C.** & Andersson, F. (2015, April). Expanding nonprofit governance research: Linking actor-network theory with the dominant coalition's perspective. Conference Proceedings. The Henry W. Bloch School of Management Nonprofit Governance Conference. Kansas City MO.

### Accepted Work (double blind-refereed)

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**Edenfield, A.C.** & Cheek, R. (accepted). Qubit ethics: A Trans\*Material trans-corporeal ethics of care for researching with vulnerable online communities. *enculturation*.

**Edenfield, A.C.** & Holmes, S. (accepted). Engaging Eurocentric legacies in de Certeau's thinking by decolonizing queer tactical technical communication. In Hilary Sarat-St. Peter and Miles Kimball (Eds.) *Tactical Approaches to Technical Communication*.

### Open Work

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Frost, E. & Edenfield, A.C. (in progress). Technical Rhetorics. *Technical Communication Quarterly*.

\*Zamparutti, L., Cheek, R., & **Edenfield, A.C.** (revise and resubmit). Trans at risk (not as risk). *Peitho*.

Rivera-Mueller, J. & **Edenfield, A.C.** (revise and resubmit). Prefigurative pedagogy: A lens for dialogue about professional preparation. *Present Tense*.

### Practitioner Publication (editor solicited and reviewed)

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Edenfield, A.C. (2017). Documents are social actions: The importance of writing in a cooperative. *Grassroots Economic Organizing (GEO)*. Retrieved from: <http://geo.coop/story/documents-are-social-actions>

Andersson, F. O. & Edenfield A.C. (2015). Nonprofit governance and the power of things. *Nonprofit Quarterly*, Summer 2015, pp. 52-59.

### Invited Talks and Participation

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(2022) "Technical Communication & Rhetoric as Social Justice Praxis" University of Michigan Dearborn

(2022) Keynote Address, Lavender Graduation, Utah State University

(2021) Invited participant, Listening session with Rhetoric of Health & Medicine

## Symposium

- (2021) "Trans DIY Self-Care for Providers," Presentation for University of Utah Transgender Health Program Providers.
- (2021) "Queer Tactical Technical Communication & Social Justice," Virtual Presentation for Social Justice in Technical Communication. University of Minnesota, MN.
- (2020) "Trans DIY and Tactics," Virtual Presentation for Introduction to Technical Writing, UW-Lacrosse, Lacrosse WI.
- (2019) Presentation to Sexual Assault Prevention Professionals on LGBTQ+ Concerns, Offices of Title IX and SAAVI
- (2017). 2018 Multilingual UX Symposium. Sites of translation User Experience Research Center. El Paso, TX.

## **Selected Conference Presentations (double blind-refereed)**

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- Joyner, R. & Edenfield A. C. (2022, July). Building Coalitions for Health Equity in Technical Communication. ATTW "Unconference." Virtual.
- Zamparutti, L., Cheek, R., & Edenfield, A.C. (May, 2022). Trans-as-Risk: A Three-Part Analysis of Risk Communication in Anti-Transgender Rhetoric. Rhetoric Society of America. Baltimore, MD. (Accepted)
- Cheek, R., & Edenfield, A. C. (July, 2022). On the Professional Communication of Workplace Transitions: A Rhetorical Analysis of Employer Handbooks on Dealing with Transitioning Employees. Limerick, IR. (Accepted).
- Edenfield, A., & Malan, A. (2021, November). We Welcome All: Rhetorics of Change within Utah's Transgender Community. University of Utah's Writing and Rhetoric Studies Symposium. Salt Lake City, UT.
- \*Cheek, R., Clem, S., and Edenfield, A.C. (2021, October). Trans ethics and being: Online vulnerability and praxis. Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on the Design of Communication. Virtual Conference.
- \*Itchuaqiyag, C. U., Edenfield, A.C., & Grant-Davie, K. (2020, August). "Tricking around town": Sex worker technologies to reduce risk and increase professional practice. Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on the Design of Communication. Virtual Conference.
- Wishkoski, R., Davis, E., Edenfield, A., Meter, D., Tulane, S., Weingart, S. & Wilson-Lopez, A. (2020, August). Informing pedagogy in a range of disciplines: Research collaborations between librarians and faculty. Empowering Teaching Excellence. Logan, UT.
- Edenfield, A. C. (2020, April). Accounting for outsider gender care: DIY trans experiences in chronic living. Chronic Living, part of "The Vitality of Disease-Quality of Life in the Making," European Research Council (ERC) under the European Union's

- Horizon 2020 research and innovation program. Copenhagen, Denmark.  
Accepted, conference cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Edenfield, A.C. (2020, March). DIY HRT: Expanding RHM through applied queer theory. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Milwaukee WI.  
Accepted, conference cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Edenfield, A.C. & Ledbetter, L. (2019, October). Tactical technical communication in communities. Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on the Design of Communication. Portland, Oregon.
- Edenfield, A. C. and Soyer, M. (2019, August). Dialogue vs. discussion: Creating an environment of civility, mutual respect, and acceptance. Empowering Teaching Excellence. Logan, UT.
- Edenfield, A.C. (2018, August). Queering consent. Association for Computing Machinery's Special Interest Group on the Design of Communication. Milwaukee, WI.
- Edenfield, A.C. (2018, March). The possibilities of queering technical communication: Methods/case study of online DIY HRT. Association of Teachers of Technical Writing. Kansas City, KS.
- Edenfield, A.C., Keith, B, & Zamparutti, L. (2017, October). Improvisational games in the professional writing classroom: A cutting-edge strategy for fostering participation, engagement, and active listening. Association for Business Communication. Dublin, Ireland.
- Edenfield, A.C. (2017, October). Transgender bodily rhetorics in DIYHRT. Western States Rhetoric and Literacy Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.
- Edenfield, A. C. (2017, April). Cultivating engagement & participation through theater games: Improv in the professional writing classroom. Western Regional Conference for Association for Business Communication. Orem, UT.
- Edenfield, A.C. & Andersson, F. (2015, April). The emergence of the dominant coalition: A case study of the Riverwest Public House Cooperative. The Henry W. Bloch School of Management Nonprofit Governance Conference. Kansas City MO.

## **Awards, Honors, & Grants**

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- (2021) CCCC Technical and Scientific Communication Award, Best Article on Philosophy or Theory of Technical or Scientific Communication
- (2021) Researcher of the Year, Department of English, USU
- (2020) ACM SIGDOC Career Advancement Research Award
- (2020-2021) Research Fellow, Center for Intersectional Gender Studies and Research, USU
- (2020) The Nell Ann Pickett Award, given each year to the best article published in the ATTW journal (*Technical Communication Quarterly*)
- (2020) Research Mentor of the Year (Ph.D.), Department of English, USU

- (2019) Undergraduate Mentor of the Year (non-research), Department of English, USU
- (2019) Mountain West Center for Regional Studies Small Grant
- (2018) Excellence in Proposal Reviewing for support of the ATTW Conf.
- (2017) Open Educational Resources Grant for adoption of open access materials, USU
- (2017) CHaSS Creative Activity and Research Enhancement Award, USU

## **Continued Development**

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- (2021) Diversity Mentoring and Inclusive Teaching, Empower Teaching Excellence Learning Circle, USU
- (2021) Trans Allied Research Collective Summit, Trans ARC
- (2021) Health Disparities in Sexual and Gender Minorities Conference, Utah AIDS Education and Training Center
- (2020) Mountain West Transgender Health Conference, University of Utah Health
- (2020) Critical Race Theory Summer School, African American Policy Forum
- (2020) Empowering Teaching Excellence Conference, USU
- (2019) Empowering Teaching Excellence Conference, USU
- (2018) Assignment Design Workshop, Merrill-Cazier Library, USU
- (2017) Assignment Design Workshop, Merrill-Cazier Library, USU
- (2016) Empowering Teaching Excellence Conference, USU

## **Mentoring Activities**

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### **University**

- (2020) Faculty Mentor, Assignment Design Workshop, Merrill-Cazier Library, USU

### **Undergraduate Student Mentorship**

- (2019) Co-wrote a grant proposal with students with the Mountain West Regional Studies Small Grant. Program (Funded)
- (2019) Mentored undergraduate student for University Peak Fellowship Award

### **Graduate Student Mentorship**

- (2019–) Member, Dissertation Committee, Sam Clem
- (2020-2022) Chair, Dissertation Committee, Sam Clem
- (2021-2022) Research Project PI, Ryan Cheek
- (2019-2022) Member, Dissertation Committee, Ryan Cheek
- (2019-2022) Member, Dissertation Committee, Jamal-Jared Alexander
- (2019-2020) Research Internship PI, Ryan Cheek,
- (2019-2020) Member, Master's Thesis Committee, (American Studies), Macy Keith

- (2019-2020) Member, Master's Thesis Committee (Creative Writing), Shaun Anderson
- (2016-2020) Member, Dissertation Committee, Jen Scucchi  
"Rewriting the Unwritten: Decorum as a Tool for Social Justice in Technical Communication"
- (2016-2020) Member, Dissertation Committee, Chris Dayley  
"Diversity and Inclusion in Technical and Professional Communication Academic Programs"
- (2016-2019) Member, Dissertation Committee, Beth Shirley  
"Adapting Environmental Ethics and Behaviors: Toward a Posthuman Rhetoric of Community Engagement"

## **Teaching Experience (selected courses)**

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### **Utah State University, Logan UT (2016–)**

#### **Graduate**

- Cultural Research Methods
- Teaching Online
- Teaching Technical Communication
- Technologies and Writing (Topics)
  - 2019: Gender, Rhetoric, and Technology

#### **Undergraduate**

- Introduction to Technical Communication
- Project Management for Technical Writers
- Technologies and Activism (Topics)
  - 2021: Just Technologies
  - 2020, 2022: Cultural Research Methods for Careers in Technical Communication
- Social Justice and Technical Communication (Topics)
  - 2019: Gender, Rhetoric, and Technology
  - 2016: Introduction to Social Justice and Technical Communication
- Writing and Digital Production (Topics)
  - 2017: Democracy and Digital Culture

### **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI (2010–2016)**

- Business Writing (undergraduate)
- Critical and Analytical Thinking (MBA Writing Coach) (graduate) (WID)
- College Research and Writing (undergraduate) (GER)
- Introduction to College English (undergraduate) (GER)
- Technical Writing in a Material Science Lab (WID)

Technical Writing (undergraduate)

Writing, Speaking & Technoscience in the 21st Century (undergraduate) (WID)

## Service

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### Inter/national

(2021–) Inaugural Editorial Board, *Technical Communication and Social Justice*

(2021–) Editorial Board, *Rhetoric of Health and Medicine*

(2021) Book reviewer, Utah State University Press

(2020–) Manuscript reviewer, *Written Communication*

(2020–) Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Business and Technical Communication*

(2019–) Proposal reviewer, SIGDOC Conference for the ACM

(2019–) Manuscript reviewer, *Technical Communication Quarterly*

(2019-2021) Book review editor, *Communication Design Quarterly*

(2018–) Manuscript reviewer, *Communication Design Quarterly*

(2017–) Proposal reviewer, ATTW National Conference

(2017) Session chair, ABC International Conference (Dublin, Ireland)

(2017) Faculty volunteer, ATTW Graduate Student Workshop

### University

(2021) Application Reviewer, Research Fellowship, Center for Intersectional Gender Studies & Research

(2021) Panel presentation, "Unlikely Allies: Creative Collaborations on Higher Education Sexual Misconduct Prevention"

(2019-2022) Member, Advisory Board, Center for Intersectional Gender Studies & Research

(2019) Member, Task Force for Center for Women and Gender (now CIGSR)

(2019) Search Committee, LGBTQ+ Program Coordinator

(2018–2020) Member, Affordable Learning Resources Committee

(2018) Center for Women & Gender's Women's Leadership Institute Panel

### Department/Program

(2020–) Ph.D. Program Director, Technical Communication and Rhetoric

(2020–) Member, Search Committee for English Department Head

(2020–) Member, Development and Scholarship Committee

(2020-2022) Area Curricula Chair, Technical Communication and Rhetoric

(2019–2020) Undergraduate Program Director, Technical Communication and Rhetoric

(2019–2020) Faculty Sponsor, Technical Communication Club

(2019–) Member, Student Scholarship Committee (Undergraduate)

(2016–) Member, Admissions Committee for Masters in Technical Communication

- (2016–) Member, Undergraduate Technical/Professional Writing Area Committee
- (2018) Interim Chair, Masters in Technical Communication

### **Community**

- (2022) Invited participant on panel highlight trans health needs to physical therapy students and faculty, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City, UT
- (2021) Invited participant for the creation of learning module for continuing medical education credit with the University of Utah Health and Utah AIDS Education and Training Center
- (2019–) Volunteer, University of Utah Health, Salt Lake City UT
- (2019) Free Public Naloxone Training (student-led) with Dr. Jennifer Plumb and Utah Naloxone, Logan UT
- (2018) LGBTQ+ Résumé Workshop at the Logan Library, Logan UT
- (2017) Writing workshop at Association of Cooperative Educators Institute, Denver CO
- (2016) Writing workshop at North American Students of Cooperation Annual Institute, Ann Arbor MI

### **Community Board Memberships**

- (2020–) Invited member of Patient and Family Advisory Board, University of Utah Health Transgender Health Program, Salt Lake City UT
- (2021-2022) Chair of the Board, We Own It, Madison WI
- (2020-2022) Member of Board of Trustees, We Own It, Madison WI