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Media violence; Fandom and the construction of meaning from media; Media, race and gender.

Description

Karen Dill-Shackleford earned her PhD in social psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her dissertation on media violence has been cited 1,500 times. She testified twice before Congress about media use and everyday realities. Karen studies the way people seek and construct social meaning from media including fictional stories, especially in the context of fandom. She demonstrates how media can be used to enhance social justice, particularly related to issues involving race and gender. She also studies the benefits of using media to support a meditation practice to enhance psychological well being. Karen is the author of *How Fantasy Becomes Reality*, and the editor of the *Oxford Handbook of Media Psychology*. She is co-author of *Mad Men Unzipped: Fans on Sex, Love, and the Sixties on TV* (University of Iowa Press, 2015); and *Finding Truth in Fiction: The Benefits of Getting Lost in a Story* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research, Training and Development

Topics

Social Psychology, Media Psychology, Gender, Race, Social Representations in Media, Social Justice, Narrative, Meaning Making, Wellbeing, Methodology, Media Effects, Meditation, Social Media

Affiliations

Association for Psychological Science : Member, American Psychological Science : Member, International Society for Research on Aggression : Member, National Science Foundation : Grant Reviewer, Oxford University Press : Book Proposal Reviewer, *Simulation & Gaming: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theory Practice and Research* : Editorial Board, Oxford University Press : Book Referee, Institute of Digital Media and Child Development : Working Group Leader

Past Talks

Media Portrayals of Social Groups

(2015) Institutes of Medicine Board on Children, Youth and Families (Group presentation)

Modality of Social Support and User Preferences and Success

(2015) American Psychological Association annual meeting

Drinking and sex: The addictions of Mad Men through the eyes of the fans

(2015) Popular Culture Association annual meeting

Using social media for sobriety recovery

(2015) American Psychological Association annual meeting

Modality of social support: Sobriety recovery using online and face-to-face support

(2015) American Psychological Association

Meaningful media lessons: How adolescents learn and develop through interactions with media

(2015) Digital Media and Developing Minds Conference

Social psychological perspectives on prosocial media research and application (panel presentation)

(2013) The International Communications Association

Using dramatic narrative to reduce myths about relationship abuse (with L.E. Shackelford, M.C. Green, E. Scharrer & C. Wetterer)

International Society for Research in Aggression Conference

Three Pillars of Causality: The Case of Media Violence and Aggression

Meeting of the International Society for Research on Aggression

Mass media, Degradation and Aggression

Meeting of the International Society for Research on Aggression

The Dark and Light Sides of Videogames: The Influence of Videogames on Youth

Invited Presentation at the Universidad Catholica de Santiago de Chile

Science and Public Policy

International Expert Meeting on ICT and Education

The Influence of Videogames on Youth: Implications for Learning in the New Millennium

(October, 2007) International Expert Meeting on Videogames and Education

Education

University of Missouri-Columbia

PhD Social Psychology

University of Missouri-Columbia

MA Social Psychology

University of Missouri-Columbia

BA Psychology

Accomplishments

Outstanding Woman of Catawba Valley Award

(2008) Awarded by the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley, NC.

Outstanding Community Service Award

(2007) Awarded by Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Expert Testimony, US Congress

(2000) Called to give expert testimony at the Public Health Summit on Entertainment Violence

(2007)) Called to give expert testimony before the House subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection; Hearing entitled, From Imus to Industry: The Business of Stereotypes and Degrading Images.

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