

Women's Faculty Fellows Leadership Program Fellow



Dr. Christina C. Smith, an associate professor of communication in the Department of Communication, earned her Ph.D. in mass communications in 2015 from the University of Iowa. She teaches an array of courses within the department's curriculum, including feature writing, enterprise journalism, magazine production, senior career development, and theory and research. Before joining the academy, Dr. Smith worked in the newspaper industry for more than a decade as a daily and weekly news reporter. As a scholar, Dr. Smith's primary research interests focus on news-academic partnerships as contemporary journalistic business models and community journalism, specifically the role of U.S. journalism and journalists in rural towns. Her community journalism expertise has made her a routine source for a variety of news outlets, including *The New York Times* and *National Public Radio*. She has published award-winning scholarly works in *Newspaper Research Journal*, *Community Journalism Journal*, and *Teaching Journalism and Mass Communication Journal*. Additionally, her leadership extends from serving as the Department of Communication's Mass Communication Coordinator to serving on University Senate to serving as former head chair of the Community Journalism Interest Group for the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.