

## Background

Dr. Katie Hogan received her BBA from Western Connecticut State University, her MA from Northeastern University and her PhD from Rutgers University. She taught at LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York and Carlow University, and was appointed Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at UNC Charlotte in 2014.

## Research

Dr. Hogan's research interests include gender, LGBT and feminist theory. She is interested in developing and drawing connections among theory, literature, and socially-, economically- and politically-marginalized groups. "A current project I am just beginning to conceptualize examines the complexity of place in LGBT literature and culture." She also studies the overlaps between the emerging field of Critical University Studies and intersectional feminist theory: "My research treats the university as a workplace instead of as an isolated ivory tower and challenges the questionable corporate practices that have negatively altered the university. My co-edited book, *Over Ten Million Served: Gendered Service in Language and Literature Workplaces*, and my article, 'Superserviceable Feminism,' are examples of this kind of research, and I am currently completed an article called "Complicit: On Being a Director of Women's and Gender Studies in the Neoliberal University."

## Relevance

At a previous institution, Dr. Hogan created a course entitled "Girl Cultures," which made academic space for a girl/youth-centric — as opposed to adult-centric—women's and gender studies curriculum. "Although I have not published in the area of girl studies, teaching this course for over 6 years demonstrates my commitment to an intersectional feminist approach: age, in addition to race, gender (broadly conceived), class, nation, language, ability, are key aspects of research, teaching, and community engagement, and fulfills the Alliance's goal of supporting diversity. Also, Dr. Hogan is leading an effort to create a Women's and Gender Studies undergraduate major at UNC Charlotte while running a program with over 336 minors. This work is directly related to making a difference in the lives of women and girls because the discipline of Women's and Gender Studies puts women, gender, race, sexuality, age, nation, and language at the center of academic inquiry. Based on preliminary findings of an alumni survey that WGST conducted, we have found that our former students overwhelming report that their WGST minor has positively influenced their approach to problems and opportunities in the workplace and community. "