



## Kristen Elaine Okamoto, Ph.D.

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- Has been at Clemson for 4 years
- Researches how bodies assume meaning through societal discourse, relational interactions, and institutional practices.

Kristen Okamoto began her studies of communication at Appalachian State University where she earned her B.S. in communications and public relations. She then went on to receive her Master's in communication studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Okamoto was awarded a Ph.D. in philosophy from Ohio University in 2017. From here, she joined Clemson University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication. Her research explores how human experience of health is shaped by organizing practices and in turn assumes meaning within and through diverse bodies. Dr. Okamoto believes that embodied differences are central to understanding the ways in which we organize selves and resource for social change. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate classes related to communication and research at Clemson.

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