

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Dr. Katie M. O'Toole**

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**EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Philosophy in Mass Communications** **2010**  
*Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA*  
Dissertation: "Intercollegiate Football and Educational Radio: Three Case Studies of the Commercialization of Sports Broadcasting in the 1920s and 1930s"
- Master of Arts in Media Studies** **2005**  
*Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA*  
Thesis: "The First Five Years: The Birth and Development of Public Television at the Pennsylvania State University"
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism** **1977**  
*Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA*

**LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- Mental Health First Aider** **2024**  
*National Council for Mental Wellbeing, National*
- Adobe Creative Campus Faculty Fellow** **2020**  
*Adobe Inc., National*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Online News Association **2019 - Present**
- American Journalism Historians Association **2012 - Present**
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication **2006 - Present**
- Investigative Reporters and Editors **2022 - Present**

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Barash Award for Human Service **2025**
- Dean's Excellence Award for Outstanding Faculty **2022**
- Dean's Excellence Award for Outstanding Faculty Affiliate **2017**
- Barash Award for Human Service **2004**
- Communications Award, First Place, National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences **2004**
- Mid-Atlantic Emmy for Outstanding Children's Series **1999**
- Bronze Apple, National Education Media Network Awards **1999**
- National Educational Television Award for Instructional Communication **1998**
- Central Educational Network Award for Best Series **1995-1997**

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*The Pennsylvania State University, Undergraduate Instructor*

- **COMM 360 - Audio News Production** - Developed syllabus and overall course structure, oversaw lab practicum and field production, and administered all grades.

- **COMM 362 - Podcasting** - Developed syllabus and overall course structure, administered all grades, and oversaw the launch of students' personal podcasts and episodic class podcasts.
- **COMM 402 - International Reporting** - Worked with broadcast and podcast students in the classroom, lab, and on site in foreign countries to produce video and audio projects for television and internet distribution.
- **COMM 401 - Media History** - Developed syllabus and overall course structure and administered all grades covering early historic communications through to present day communications.
- **COMM 465 - Broadcast News Reporting** - Developed syllabus and overall course structure, oversaw lab practicum and field production, and administered all grades.

## **WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

*Pennsylvania State Public Broadcasting, University Park*

**1982 - 2004**

- **Producer/Writer/Host (1982 – 2004)**- “What’s in the News,” a nationally-distributed children’s current events program
- **Producer/Host (2003)** - “Scholastic Scrimmage,” high school quiz program
- **Writer/Host (2001 – 02)**- “Naming the Nightmare,” four-part special on terrorism for children
- **Writer (1982 – 2004)**- nationally-distributed current events newspaper column for children

## **ON-AIR SPECIALS**

- **Kids Ask About Terrorism (2002)** - nationally-televised call-in program for elementary and middle schools
- **Governors’ Debate Special (2002)**
- **Democracy Project (2000)** - four-part election special
- **Y2K (1999)** - statewide call-in program
- **The Candidates (1996, 1992, 1988)** - election year series of candidate interviews and citizen forums
- **Children of the Balkans (1994)**- nationally televised special on children and war, co-hosted with NPR’s Scott Simon

## **PRODUCER/WRITER/HOST OF GRANT-FUNDED TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS**

- **The Gravity of the Situation (2003-04 )** - National Science Foundation in cooperation with Penn State’s Center for Gravitational Physics
- **Strange Nano World (2002-03)** - National Science Foundation in cooperation with Penn State’s Center for Nanotechnology
- **Swiftly Sailing (2000-04)** - NASA Education and Public Outreach
- **NeuroLab (2000-01)** - NASA Education and Public Outreach
- **Friends in Low Places: Two Miles Beneath the Sea (2000)** - National Science Foundation in cooperation with RIDGE (Ridge Interdisciplinary Global Experiments)

## **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

- John L. Griffith and the Commercialization of College Radio in the 1930s.” *Journal of Sport History*, 40.2 (2013)
- Review of *Democratic Sports: Men’s and Women’s College Athletics during the Great Depression*, by Brad Austin, *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 115.4 (2017)
- Review of *Legendary Sports Writers of the Golden Age*, by Lee Congdon, *American Journalism: A Journal of Media History*, 35 (2018)

## **NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

- *To Infinity and Beyond: Lessons from Buzz Lightyear*, Keynote Address to Adult Learners on Campus Conference, (University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, PA, 2004)
- *Gimme, Gimme Good Gammas*, NASA Swift EPO Conference (NASA Center, Greenbelt, MD, 2004).
- *Plumbing the Depths of a Sixth Grade Brain*, First Annual COSEE Conference (Center for Ocean Science Environment Education, Baton Rouge, LA, 2003).

- Gamma Rays on the Airwaves, NASA Swift EPO Conference (Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA, 2003).
- Fit to a Tee (Vee): Customizing News for Kids, Keynote Address to Women of Promise Luncheon, (University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, PA, 2002).
- Virtual Worlds, Keynote Address to Aim High, Statewide Leadership Conference for high school girls (State College, PA, 2001).

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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| • Community Chair of Spotlight PA’s State College Bureau             | <b>2022 - Present</b> |
| • WPSU member of the Board of Representatives                        | <b>2025 - Present</b> |
| • Centre County Historical Society, member of the Board of Governors | <b>2012 - 2021</b>    |
| • Centre County Historical Society, President of the Board           | <b>2015 - 2021</b>    |
| • Mid-State Literacy Council – Board member                          | <b>1998 - 2016</b>    |