

# Curriculum Vitae- Mary Kay Culpepper, Ph.D.

Title: Adjunct Lecturer of Creativity and Change Leadership

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## Bio:

Dr. Mary Kay Culpepper is an adjunct lecturer in Creativity and Change Leadership at Buffalo State University. As a media executive, she led a talented team of writers, editors, photographers, designers, and chefs as they produced America's top-selling food magazine. As a creativity scholar, she cultivates international experience in teaching and learning, and her research has appeared in some of the field's leading journals and books.

## Education:

- Ph.D. in Media and Communication, University of Westminster, 2018
- M.S. in Creativity Studies, Buffalo State University, 2013
- B.A. in Journalism, University of Mississippi

## Research Interests:

- Creativity and Innovation Leadership
- Sociocultural Meanings of Creativity
- Creative Identity

## Teaching Philosophy:

Dr. Culpepper aims to help students explore the transformative impact of creativity as they navigate their unique connections to the field, their professions, and the world at large.

## Selected Publications:

- Culpepper, M. K., & Gauntlett, D. (2021). Inviting everyday creators to make, think, and talk. *Thinking Skills and Creativity*, 42, 100933.
- Culpepper, M. K., & Gauntlett, D. (2020). Making and learning together: Where the makerspace mindset meets platforms for creativity. *Global Studies of Childhood* 10, 264-274.
- Gauntlett, D., & Culpepper, M. K. (2022). All parts of the same thing: Dispatches from the Creativity Everything Lab. *University of Toronto Quarterly*, 91, 108-126.

## Professional Experience:

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Creativity Everything Lab, Toronto Metropolitan University, 2019-2023
- Visiting Lecturer, School of Media and Communication, University of Westminster, 2015-2017
- Vice President, Editor-in-Chief, *Cooking Light* magazine, Time Inc., 2001-2009

## Community Involvement:

Dr. Culpepper has long experience serving with community-wide and neighborhood art groups. Her experience led her to the insight that people who explore their everyday creativity are primed to create world-changing ideas.

## Personal Hobbies:

Outside of academia, Dr. Culpepper enjoys working in multiple media, including fiber and paper. Currently, she is taking a monthly block-print postcard series into its fifth year.