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Karrin Vasby Anderson (she/her) is Professor of Communication Studies at Colorado State University, where she teaches courses in rhetoric, political communication, and gender and communication. Dr. Anderson studies the culture of politics and the politics of culture, examining the ways in which political identity is rhetorically constructed and contested in popular media. She also researches the connections between gender equity and democratic health.

Dr. Anderson is coauthor or editor of three books: [Women, Feminism, and Pop Politics: From "Bitch" to "Badass" and Beyond](#), [Woman President: Confronting Postfeminist Political Culture](#) and [Governing Codes: Gender, Metaphor, and Political Identity](#). She is a past editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (2020-2022) and has published articles in scholarly journals such as the *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Women's Studies in Communication*, *Communication Quarterly*, and *White House Studies*. Her commentary on politics, gender, and visual culture has been published by [The Conversation](#) and [Reading the Pictures](#), and she is consulted as a political communication expert by local, national, and international media outlets.

Dr. Anderson's awards in research, teaching, and service include the National Communication Association's James A. Winans and Herbert A. Wichelns Memorial Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address; the Outstanding Book Award from the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender; the Michael Pfau Outstanding Article Award in Political Communication from NCA's Political Communication Division; the Organization for Research on Women and Communication's Feminist Scholarship Award; the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women in Politics; the Presidential Citation of Service from the National Communication Association; the Oliver P. Pennock Distinction in Service Award from Colorado State University; the Distinction in Curricular Innovation Award from CSU's College of Liberal Arts; the Excellence in Graduate Mentoring from CSU's College of Liberal Arts; the Outstanding Mentor in Master's Education Award from NCA's Master's Education Section; and the Faculty Mentorship Award from NCA's Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division.

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