QUIC Online Speaker Series

The QUIC Online Speaker Series highlights varied qualitative research designs, methods, and approaches through reflections on research projects and publications. Events feature faculty presentations and open Q&As for an interdisciplinary audience of graduate students and members of the NIU community.

Our next QUIC Online Speaker Series event will be:

**Friday, April 8, 2022, 3pm to 4:30pm via Zoom**

**Speakers**

**Dr. Quortne R. Hutchings**

Title: “Let’s have a kiki: Black queer storytelling and podcasting”

Quortne R. Hutchings (they/them) is a first-generation college graduate, proud Ronald E. McNair scholar alum, and assistant professor in higher education. Quortne teaches courses on college student development, campus environments and student subcultures, higher education public policy, and teaching pedagogies in higher education. Quortne introspectively and intentionally teaches and examines higher education with an equity praxis lens as a critical researcher and educator. Their teaching centers change and evolvement of colleges and universities to meet their most marginalized communities’ needs through transformative educational and engagement practices. Quortne’s research primarily focuses on Black gay, bisexual, queer, and non-binary undergraduate and graduate students’ academic and social experiences in higher education, student affairs professionals’ experiences in student and academic affairs, utilizing gender and sexuality studies, intersectionality, and critical qualitative methodologies (e.g., phenomenology, arts-based research, and collaborative autoethnography).

**Dr. Kimberly Shotick**

Title: “Informed Service and Space Design through Library Research”

Kimberly Shotick (she/they), is an assistant professor at the University Libraries. Her work includes supporting the Communication Department students and faculty as a subject specialist librarian, curating library materials, teaching information literacy concepts, and supporting students through services and the coordination of spaces and resources. Kimberly’s research areas include critical information literacy instruction, accessibility, library space and design, and library outreach and marketing. She has published on universal design for learning, is co-author of the forthcoming book *Practical Marketing for the Academic Library*, and has presented nationally on a number of academic library topics from accessibility to Wikipedia. She holds an MLIS from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and an MA from Northeastern Illinois University.

Advance registration is required. To register please visit:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event.