



The Chancellor's Speaker Series on Diversity, Excellence & Equity

Access and Interrogation

Dr. Alison Kafer
Southwestern College
Austin, Texas

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4-5:30 PM

Room 107
Leichtag Biomedical Research
Building

(light refreshments will be served)



Professor of feminist studies, Alison Kafer grew up near the coast in New Bern, North Carolina. She graduated with a B.A. in studio art, with a concentration in painting from Wake Forest University. About a year following graduation from Wake Forest University, Kafer was in an arson fire and, consequently, ended up in a wheelchair. This incident prompted her to begin her graduate studies. *“Grad school, for me, was life-saving. At the most basic level, it provided a way out; school was one thing I knew I could still do after my injuries. More importantly, it eventually provided an intellectual, social and political escape. I discovered the disability rights movement and the field of disability studies in graduate school, both of which offered me tools to understand the world around me and my experiences in it.”*

In addition to teaching, Alison is the faculty advisor for Feminist Voices and sits on the Board of the Society for Disability Studies. Kafer has several on-going research projects that concern the understanding of disability in the United States through a queer feminist viewpoint.

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