

# Bonnie Ratliff

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Resume

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## Education

**San Diego State University** December 2018  
Magna Cum Laude  
Bachelor degree in English, conferred with distinction  
Women's Studies minor

**Southwestern College** May 2016  
Associate degree in English

## Work Experience

**TheShapeofaMother.com - Owner** July 2006-Present  
An ongoing digital humanities project, The Shape of a Mother is dedicated to showing the world what real, unedited postpartum bodies look like, and to sharing the stories of the people who live in them.

- Listen to and advocate for feminist issues with emphasis in, but not limited to, postpartum body image
- Write on topics ranging from women's issues and body image, to mental health, spirituality, and self-growth
- Work with media for interviews and to provide photos and technical information.
- Promote and manage website
- Use social media to maintain web presence

**Women's Resource Center, SDSU - Fellow** August 2017-May 2018  
Resource Center on campus to support students in areas pertaining to women's or feminine issues.

- Selected for fellowship
- Wrote proposal to SDSU requesting support for student parents
- Program development and event organizing
- Led monthly support meetings for student parents
- Outreach on campus such as tabling events
- Creation of marketing materials
- Participated in weekly professional development meetings

**BlogHer.com - Blogger**

October 2010-September 2011

A year-long initiative called Own Your Beauty designed to help change the conversation about body image.

- Wrote monthly essay about planned topic
- Held monthly meetings with the Own Your Beauty team
- Helped manage social media marketing for the initiative

**ProjectDesign Consultants -**

May 1998-March 2002

*Administrative Assistant*

Various administrative responsibilities for a busy civil engineering firm.

- Front desk work included answering phones, greeting clients, keeping track of conference room schedules, planning meetings and ordering catering, sending and receiving packages, ordering copies and blueprints, training and overseeing new staff members and other duties as needed.
- File management work included weekly filing of all company correspondence and transmittals, keeping an updated list of file locations, records retention management, and other organizational work as needed.

## Publications, Presentations, and Events

**Proposal for More Supports for Student Parents at SDSU**

November 2018

Under the direction of the Women's Resource Center, SDSU

- A proposal presenting research on the needs of students who are parenting children or who are caregivers for adults, as well as research on what other universities are currently doing. Provides outline for creating a student parent division at SDSU in order to help support a marginalized population and remain competitive among other local universities.

**Messy House**

Presented May 2018

Creative Nonfiction Bachelor Thesis, SDSU

- A memoir spanning three generations, attempting to understand the space between familial abuse and love of one's abuser.

## #RedefiningSupermom

An event designed in retaliation to the negative ideals of the “mombod” wherein attendees wore superhero capes and reclaimed the beauty of imperfection.

- <http://bit.ly/redefiningsupermom>

Event Held April 2017

## What I’ve Learned from Ten Years at The Shape of a Mother Presentation

- Find Your Pride: A MidDrift Movement Event for Postpartum Body Positivity

December 2016

## Skin: A Feminist Manifesto

An essay presenting the idea that one’s scars and imperfections are the memoir written into the skin and calling the reader to embrace their story as fully lived and beautiful.

- Published at GrokNation.com
- <http://bit.ly/skin-manifesto>

August 2017

## Depression is a Real Thing That Really Exists. Really.

A response to those claiming that depression is merely a mood and not a serious and sometimes deadly illness.

- Published at BlogHer.com
- (No longer online.)

June 2016

## Awards

Recipient of the Dr. Minas Savvas Endowed Fellowship

August 2017-May 2018

Recipient of the Sue Russell Memorial Endowed Scholarship

August 2017-May 2018

Dean’s List, San Diego State University

Fall 2016-Fall 2017

Recipient of the Christopher Mortenson Memorial Scholarship

August 2016-May 2017

Recipient of the Marilyn Lassman Memorial Scholarship

April 2016

Vice President’s Honor List, Southwestern College

Fall Semester 2015

President’s Honor List, Southwestern College

Fall Semester 2013

## Skills

Excellent writer and communicator.

Experience with data analysis and visualization tools such as Voyant.

Training and experience in photography.

Comfortable with inclusive language and understanding of trauma-informed practices.

Knowledge of Microsoft Office and Google Suite.