Kerri McBee-Black Bio

Education

PhD, University of Missouri; MS, University of Missouri; BS, Columbia College.

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Kerri McBee-Black is an Assistant Teaching Professor. She has conducted extensive studies illustrating the impact the lack of appropriate apparel has on full societal participation for people living with disability (PLWD). Her research has included investigating how a lack of appropriate apparel for PLWD impacts workplace participation. In addition, Kerri’s research has explored how marketing terms are used in the online shopping environment impacts the ability of PLWD to find appropriate apparel. Kerri teaches courses in fashion design, textiles, and soft goods quality analysis. She has won numerous teaching awards and serves as an e-mentor to faculty across the MU campus. Kerri earned a Bachelor’s degree in fashion design, a Master’s in Textile and Apparel Management, and a Ph.D. in Textile and Apparel Management. In the industry, Kerri has worked as a fashion designer, product development team merchandiser, and production manager. Before returning to academia, Kerri worked in social services focusing on policy issues impacting women and families. In 2002, Kerri ran for the Missouri State House of Representatives.

Dr. Kerri McBee-Black’s primary research interests involve exploring whether PLWD have access to appropriate apparel allowing for their full societal participation. The areas of her research interests include how adaptive apparel, for PLWD, is marketed and produced in the apparel industry, how apparel brands embrace adaptive apparel, how adaptive apparel impacts the global supply chain, how adaptive apparel impacts apparel brand sourcing strategies, how adaptive apparel is viewed and consumed by PLWD, and social responsibility among apparel brands as it relates to PLWD.