

Public Abstract

First Name:Sacheen

Middle Name:Kallee

Last Name:Mobley

Adviser's First Name:Loreen

Adviser's Last Name:Olson

Co-Adviser's First Name:

Co-Adviser's Last Name:

Graduation Term:SS 2010

Department:Communication

Degree:PhD

Title:Fragmented Whole: A Theory of Narrative and Identity

The purpose of this research project was to look at how identity may be formed through the use of narrative. In this undertaking, a grounded theory method of analysis was used to interpret the stories found in public documents created for the StoryCorp project. Through this analysis, a model of identity formation through narrative was conceived through three stages: separation, theoretical sense-making and re-assimilation. The results show a strong correlation between self-narrative and identity construction.