

Stacy Otto

Stacy Otto is a professor at Illinois State University . Dr. Otto is Professor of Social Foundations of Education and Qualitative Inquiry, earning her doctorate in Social Foundations from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a graduate certificate in Cultural Studies, also from UNC, in 2000. She earned an MA in Curriculum and Instruction from UNC, and a Bachelor of Arts in studio art from Indiana University.

Otto teaches doctoral-level courses in the philosophy of science, analytic writing, critical social theory, history of childhood, and post-colonial theory, helping students understand and use critical theory for their own empirical and conceptual analyses. Otto teaches doctoral-level courses in beginning through advanced qualitative research. She is a qualitative research methodologist, meaning she theorizes new and existing qualitative philosophies of method.

Otto's interdisciplinary scholarship ranges from her work as a social theorist (on educating for and during loss and mourning; on patriarchy's inherent, inescapable violence; on various aspects of visual culture and schooling; on racism and race-based policing as terrorism; and theorizing unrequitedness, for example), to her work theorizing qualitative research methodologies (most recently revisioning teaching qualitative data analysis) and reporting empirical qualitative research.