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Rebecca Dumalo began her career as an educator working with nonprofit health organizations and university extension services. Her interest in promoting family well-being led her to study education, families, and communication at the Pennsylvania State University, Oregon State University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has taught college courses to include intercultural communication, interpersonal and family communication, conflict management, media literacy, public speaking and a capstone communication course among others. Since 2001, over 1600 seniors taking the capstone course she developed have contributed more than 18,000 hours of community service while learning about professional development. Through a newer Health Communication Puppetry Initiative, undergraduate students learn about communities, communication, and health issues while planning and presenting puppet shows to at-risk children. Last year, one class presented nine puppet shows that reached over 200 children and helped them learn about healthy eating and diabetes prevention.



At East Carolina University, Dr. Dumalo is an Associate Professor in Communication, Chair of the University Service-Learning Committee, and a graduate turned mentor in the Engagement and Outreach Scholar's Academy. She developed a website on key principles for service learning that was affectionately dubbed "Service Learning 101" by her colleagues. Dr. Dumalo's research explores community-campus partnership processes, service-learning pedagogy, and communication in families representing diverse cultures. She presents regularly at professional conferences and has published in *The Journal of Family Communication*, *Health Communication*, *Science Communication*, *Best Practices in Experiential and Service Learning in Communication*, and has a forthcoming article with Dr. Emily Janke in the *The Journal of Higher Education, Outreach and Engagement*. She also serves on the editorial boards of two journals focused on service learning and community engagement and is working on a book on *Communication for Collaboration*.