The ways in which individuals and communities communicatively constitute resilience has garnered increasing attention from scholars and practitioners seeking to help themselves and others construct a “new normal” after disaster and loss. No longer reserved for major events and trauma, resilience has come to be understood as an ongoing process, cultivated by and with others for difficulties on different levels. In this talk, I examine how communication scholarship offers a distinctive vantage point for understanding resilience. In organizing resilience in and for career, I consider both reintegration and transformation—in work-life balance, professional and occupational challenges, risk, safety, resilience labor, difference, policy, and network ties. Through resilience, we can design communicative spaces, processes, and possibilities for more socially just and sustainable systems of career, work, and personal life.

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