

Dr. Katie Dudley

Educator, Comedian, Speaker



Dr. Katie Dudley is an award-winning tourism researcher, professor and speaker with more than 20 years of experience working in, teaching and researching tourism. Her frontline experiences range from working as a whitewater raft guide in West Virginia to National Parks, golf courses, hotels, bars and restaurants across sixteen different states. She has also worked as a marketing specialist, brand analyst, corporate trainer and professor.

Her passion lies in combining humor and research to elevate the stories often left out of tourism conversations, exposing unspoken impacts and educating people in ways they can be more responsible tourists and better global citizens.

Katie has a PhD in parks, recreation and tourism management from Clemson University. She is skilled in developing entertaining and engaging ways to explore the complex and important issues surrounding the way we travel.

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SIGNATURE TOPICS

- ✓ "I'm Not a Tourist!" And Other Lies We Tell Ourselves on Vacation
- ✓ The Fun Police? Navigating Ethical Dilemmas in Tourism
- ✓ From Dirtbag to Doctor: Finding Your Way Down Crooked Paths

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It was not at all what I expected in the best way...Katie Dudley is very passionate about the topic and her passion is contagious! She has given me a new perspective on the tourism system and what implications it holds

AWARDS



EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER

American Association
of Geographers



BEST OF THE FEST

Burbank Comedy
Festival



BOEING TRAVEL RESEARCH

Travel & Tourism
Research Association



ETHICS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Ulkeja Center for
Ethical Leadership