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As a PhD student in Communication, Rhetoric and Digital Media at North Carolina State University, Elizabeth Pitts studies technical communication, participatory knowledge production, and civic engagement. In 2013, Elizabeth was awarded an IGERT fellowship from the National Science Foundation to conduct collaborative interdisciplinary research on the interactions between genetic technologies and society. Currently, she is studying what it means to communicate ethically about biotechnologies, and how stakeholders engage in regulatory decision-making.

Elizabeth's academic research stems from a long-term interest in the accessibility of knowledge. Before enrolling at NC State, she spent more than a decade producing strategic communications for institutions including the White House, the US Department of Education, and the Pew Charitable Trusts, and as an adjunct professor at University of Maryland University College. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Georgetown University.