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Dooley joined the faculty at the Elliott School of Communication at Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, USA, after serving on the faculty of the University of Maine-Orono. She teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including, among others, courses concerning communication law, the digital divide, controversial communication, communication research methods, popular culture, and dimensions of mass media. In 2013, Dooley finished a successful 10-year stint as director of the Elliott School's Master of Arts in Communication program.

Her publications include three books, as well as research journal articles and monographs, book chapters, reviews, and feature articles. Her first book, *Taking Their Political Place: Journalists and the Making of an Occupation*, was published in 1997. Journals that include her articles include *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, the *International Journal of Press and Politics*, and *The Journal of African American History*.

Before pursuing an academic career, Dooley served as the director of historic sites at the Minnesota Historical Society, where she worked for 12 years. In this position and the others she held at the society, she honed her management and strategic communication skills.