**­­­EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Communication Expected May 2024

Interpersonal & Family, Health & Crisis

University of Missouri

Advisor: Haley Horstman, Ph.D.

M.A. Applied Communication January 2020

Indiana University, earned at IUPUI

Advisor: Beth Goering, Ph.D.

B.S. Communication and Graphic Design, *Magna Cum Laude* May 2016

William Woods University

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

Chief Communications Officer January 2023-Present

Director of Communication and Marketing April 2022-January 2023

**Heart of Missouri United Way**

Teaching Assistant 2020- May 2022

Research Assistant July 2021-August 2021

**University of Missouri**

Communication and Recruitment Coordinator 2019-2020

**University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus**

Marketing and Communication Manager, 2016-2019

**National Association of Charitable Gift Planners**, through Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis

Communications Coordinator**, Snyder Engineering, Inc.** 2013-2016

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Leverenz, A.,** Bohanek, J., & Fivush, R. (2023). Love, actually: Cultural narratives expressed in emerging adults’ stories of romantic relationships. *Narrative Inquiry*.

**Leverenz, A. &** Hernandez, R. (2023).Women’s uncertainty management strategies in communication about urinary tract infections (UTIs). *Qualitative Health Research*. https://doi.org/10.1177/10497323231156370

Horstman, H. K., **Leverenz, A.,** Morrison, S., Jordan, E., Baltazar, A., Cen, X., Charvat, E., Okafor, B., & Butauski, M. (2023). Pregnancy during the COVID-19 pandemic: Communicated narrative sense-making and resilience. *Health Communication*. https//doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2022.2163103

Chavrat, E., Hortsman, H. K., Jordan, E., **Leverenz, A.,** & Okafor, B. (2021). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on pregnant women’s social support and sense-making about pregnancy narratives*. Journal of Family Communication*, 21(3). https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2021.1932503

**PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION**

Horstman, H. K. & **Leverenz, A.** (under review). Metaphors of women pregnant during the pandemic: Lessons for how to better support pregnant women in crisis.

**Leverenz, A.,** Horstman, H. K., Lukowski, A., & Bohanek, J. G.(in preparation).Communicated resilience enacted in mothers’ stories of their baby’s birth and diagnosis of Down syndrome.

Hortsman, H. K., **Leverenz, A. N.**, & Watson, O. P. (in preparation). Enacting communicated resilience in romantic relationships following a miscarriage.

**Leverenz, A.,** Goering, B., & Brann, M. (in preparation). Communicating commitment during relational turning points.

**Leverenz, A.** & Brann, M. (in preparation). Making work friends work: Communicating trust, support, satisfaction, and commitment in cross-sex heterosexual workplace friendships.

**TEACHING**

Instructor, Business and Professional Communication (COMM 3575W), University of Missouri, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Two sections each semester with 20-22 students, hybrid and fully in person

writing intensive course

Instructor, Public Speaking (COMM 1200), University of Missouri, Fall 2020

Two sections with 20 students

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Leverenz, A.,** Horstman, H. K., (2023, November 17). Communicated resilience in mothers’ stories of their baby’s birth and diagnosis of Down syndrome. Panel: Top Papers in Family Communication. *National Communication Association Convention*. Sponsored by Family Communication Division.

**Leverenz, A.,** Bohanek, J. Lukowski, A., & Horstman, H. K. (2023, March 30-April 1). Birth and diagnosis stories from mothers of children with Down syndrome: Sense-making and acceptance. Panel: The miracle of birth: Understanding the roles, identity, and sense-making of pregnancy. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by Interpersonal and Family Communication Interest Group.

**Leverenz, A.,** Horstman, H. K., & Holman, A. (2023, March 30-April 1). Heterosexual married couples coping with miscarriage: Understanding the roles of social support, relationship satisfaction, sexual satisfaction, positive and negative affect. Panel: Social support: The impact on us and in our relationships. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by Interpersonal and Family Communication Interest Group.

Miller-Day, M., Scharp, K., Pennington, N., Cooper, R. A., Wolfe, B., **& Leverenz, A.** (2023, March 30-April 1). Panel: Examining the promise and possibilities of mixed methods research in interpersonal and family communication research. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by Interpersonal and Family Communication Interest Group.

**Leverenz, A.,** Morrissey, B., Schemenaur, J., Taylor, S. J., Gerston, E., Pringle, M. & Okafor, B. E. (2023, March 30-April 1). Panel: Discussing experiences of “research is me-search” and personal research. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by Graduate Student Caucus.

**Leverenz, A.,** Bohanek, J., & Fivush, R. (2022, November 17-20). Love, actually: Cultural narratives expressed in emerging adults’ stories of romantic relationships. *National Communication Association Convention*. Sponsored by the Interpersonal Division. New Orleans, LA.

**Leverenz, A., &** Hernandez, R.(2022, April 7-9). Women’s uncertainty management strategies in communication about urinary tract infections (UTIs). *Kentucky Conference on Health Communication*: Communication Strategies to Promote Comprehensive Well-being. Lexington, KY.

**Leverenz, A.** (2022, March 30-April 2). Heterosexual cross-sex friends at work: effects of dyad relationship status on friendship variables and expansion of the investment model. Challenges and connections in interpersonal communication. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by Interpersonal and Family Communication Interest Group. Madison, WI.

Mahutga, J. Williams, E. S., Weaver, E. DeBeck, D., **Leverenz, A.,** Greer, G., Graham, S., & Doran, B. (2022, March 30-April 2). Panel: Making up for lost time, or losing time we thought we could make up? Graduate school and the pandemic. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by Graduate Student Caucus. Madison, WI.

**Leverenz, A.** (2021). Rheumatoid arthritis: Associations between diagnosis acceptance, dyadic support, and satisfaction. Research in Progress: Health Connections. *National Communication Association Convention*. Sponsored by the Health Communication Divisions. Seattle, WA.

Hortsman, H. K., **Leverenz, A.**, & Watson, O. P. (2021, November 17-20). Enacting communicated resilience in romantic relationships following a miscarriage. Support and coping in close relational partners managing health issues: Examining both partner’s perspectives. *National Communication Association Convention*. Co-Sponsored by the Interpersonal and Health Communication Divisions. Seattle, WA.

Charvat, E., Hortsman, H. K., Jordan, E., **Leverenz, A.**, & Okafor, B. (2021, November 17-20). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on pregnant women’s social support and sense-making about pregnancy narratives. Top Four Student Papers. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by the Interpersonal and Family Communication Interest Group. Online.

Mahutga, J., Debeck, D., **Leverenz, A.,** Millender, L., Morrison, J., Weaver, E. & Williams, E. (2021, November 17-20). A tale of two woes: graduate school year 1 and COVID-19. *Central States Communication Association Annual Conference*. Sponsored by the Graduate Student Caucasus. Online.

Horstman, H. K., **Leverenz, A.,** Baltazar, A., Cen, X., Charvat, E., Morrison, S., Okafor, B., Jordan, E., & Butauski, M. (2021, May 27-31). Narrative resilience of pregnancy during a pandemic. *International Communication Association Conference*. Sponsored by the Health Communication Division. Online.

**Leverenz A.** (2020, November 19-22). Communication of commitment through the relational crossroads in monogamous, romantic relationships. Paper presented at the *National Communication Association Convention*. Sponsored by the Interpersonal Communication Division. Online.

**Leverenz, A.** & Brann, M. (2018, November 7-9). Communication at work, not play: an exploratory study of self-identified heterosexuals’ professional cross-sex friendships. Paper presented at the *National Communication Association Convention*. Sponsored by the Interpersonal Communication Division. Salt Lake City, UT.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Guest lecturer on cultural relationship narratives in Honors Social Development, Division of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, March 2022, April 2023

Guest lecturer on cultural relationship narratives in Honors Stories and Selves, Division of Psychological Sciences, University of Missouri, November 2022

Guest lecturer on social support in Relational Communication, Department of Communication, University of Missouri, October 2022

Guest lecturer on group public speaking, Learning Strategies, Division of Biological Sciences, University of Missouri, October 2020, March 2021, October 2021

Guest lecturer on human trafficking in metropolitan communities, ECON 3400-001: Economics of Sex and Drugs, University of Colorado Denver, September 2019

Sexual violence researcher and student liaison, 2015-16

Dean of Student Life, Venita Mitchell, Ph.D., William Woods University

Researched, planned, and conducted domestic and sexual violence awareness,

prevention, and intervention events for college students. I

**SERVICE**

**Reviewer**

Student Division, Conference paper reviewer, National Communication Association

Applied Communication Division, Conference paper reviewer, National Communication Association

**Representative**

Graduate Professional Council (GPC), Department of Communication Representative, Fall 2021-present, re-elected for a second term

Indiana Protection of Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH) taskforce, 2018-19

Coalition to End Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV), Board of Directors, 2015-16

**Committees**

Budget committee member, Graduate Professional Council

Professional development committee member, Graduate Professional Council

Alumni committee member - Identify and engage department alumni, coordinate with department Advisory Council, and facilitate alumni visits. September 2020-present

**Volunteer**

Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault, Communication coordinator, 2018-19

PHACE Syndrome, Inc. Board of Directors, Conference communication chair, 2017-19

**Advising**

Alpha Nu chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at the University of Missouri, Recruitment information advisor, 2021-present

Kappa Omega chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Finance advisor, 2016-19

Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at Butler University, Philanthropy advisor, 2016-19

Alpha Chi Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega at Butler University, Panhellenic advisor, 2016-19

**Advocacy**

Went to D.C. with CGP and AFP and met with lawmakers and advocate for certain laws for nonprofits and charitable gifts

**AWARDS, GRANTS, & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Received Top Papers in Family Communication, National Communication Convention 2023

Nominated for Gillman Research Award, 2023

Nominated for Outstanding Researcher, Graduate Professional Council, 2023

Received Verser Research Grant Award, Department of Communication, December 2022

Nominated for Graduate Student Research Award, Association of Communication Graduate Students, 2022, 2023

Received Top Paper Panel, Interpersonal and Family Interest Group CSCA, 2021

Received Graduate Professional Council (GPC) Conference Presentation Travel Award, February 2021, November 2022

Received University of Missouri, Communication Scholarship, Fall 2020

Received Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Communication Studies, Department Travel grant, 2018

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Missouri Foundation for Health

School of Systems Change, Deeper Dive into Systems Change, January 2023

School of Systems Change, Fall 2022

Missouri Foundation for Health

Health Advocates Retreat, Fall 2022

Designing Effective Micro-Learning Lectures to Engage & Inspire, October 2021

Teaching Renewal Day, Department of Communication, August 2021, August 2022

Teaching with Writing for Student Learning

WI Teaching Assistant Workshop, Spring 2021

GradsWrite, University of Missouri Graduate School

Writing process focused support group, Spring 2021

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Central States Communication Association

International Communication Association

National Communication Association