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Education

- Ph. D. in Communication**, University of Missouri Expected Graduation: Spring 2018
Department of Communication
Specialization: Organizational Communication
Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Meisenbach
- M. A. in Communication**, Western Michigan University 2014
College of Arts and Sciences
Advisor: Dr. Leah Omilion-Hodges
- B. A. in Interpersonal Communication**, Western Michigan University 2013
College of Arts and Sciences

Academic Appointments

- Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Missouri August 2014-Present
- Teaching/Research Assistant**, Western Michigan University Summer 2013-Spring 2014
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Western Michigan University Fall 2011

Research

Publications

Omilion-Hodges, L., Ptacek, J., & Zerilli, D. (2016). A comprehensive review and communication research agenda of the contextualized workgroup. In E. L. Cohen (Ed.), *Communication yearbook 40* (pp. 343-377). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Research in Progress

Zerilli, D. (in data analysis). Discursive dis/ability: The communicative organizing of people with cochlear implants.

Zerilli, D. (in process). Working while disabled: A meta-theoretical review of disability and materiality in the workplace. [preparing for submission to *Western Journal of Communication*]

Brandhorst, J. K., & Zerilli, D. (in data collection). Culture, emotion, and materiality as communicated by fitness instructors.

Zerilli, D., Rick, J. M., & Brandhorst, J. K. (in data collection). Text-body work scale development.

Conference Presentations

Zerilli, D. (2016). *Discursive dis/ability: The communicative organizing of people with cochlear implants*. Presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Rick, J., Zerilli, D., & Brandhorst, J. (2016). *Navigating work-family borders: Examining the effects of permeability and flexibility on worker health and satisfaction*. Presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Zerilli, D. (2016). *Institutional rhetorical regarding Title IX: "Call us. We can help."* Presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA.

Zerilli, D. (2015). *We asked for it: A critical examination of victim blaming research*. Presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association. Las Vegas, NV.

Omilion-Hodges, L., Zerilli, D., & Ptacek, J. (2015). *Who has your back and who will throw you to the wolves? A qualitative analysis of support and antagonism in workplace relationships*. Presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association. Las Vegas, NV.

Omilion-Hodges, L., Ptacek, J., & Zerilli, D. (2015). *A comprehensive review and communication research agenda of the contextualized workgroup*. Presented at the annual convention of the Central States Communication Association. Madison, WI.

Zerilli, D. (2015). *Kristen Wiig and the high fructose corn syrup: Teaching ethics in public speaking*. Presented at the annual convention of the Central States Communication Association. Madison, WI.

Omilion-Hodges, L., & Zerilli, D. (2014). *The construction of the workplace experience: The impact of lateral and leader relationships*. Presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association. Chicago, IL.

Sandor, K., Zerilli, D., and Volkmann, J. (2014). *Community learning portfolio: Communication and community engagement through 'selfies'*. G.I.F.T. presented at the annual convention of the Central States Communication Association. Minneapolis, MN.

Zerilli, D. (2014). *Inspiration for the road: Creating an effective conclusion for classroom teaching*. G.I.F.T. presented at the annual convention of the Central States Communication Association. Minneapolis, MN.

Zerilli, D. (2013). *The blue-footed booby and other leadership experiences*. Presented at Western Michigan University's Leadership and Involvement Conference. Kalamazoo, MI.

Research Experience

University of Missouri, Graduate Research Assistant **Summer 2015**

- Assisted Dr. Kate Lockwood Harris in collecting and analyzing Title IX documents from 33 universities

Western Michigan University, Graduate Research Assistant Summer 2013

- Assisted Annette Hamel in qualitative and quantitative analysis of Faculty Diversity statements of several universities
- Performed qualitative analysis to explore general themes in University Faculty Diversity statements

Teaching Experience

University of Missouri, Graduate Teaching Assistant

COM 1200: Public Speaking August 2014- Present
COM 3575: Business and Professional Communication January 2017-Present

Western Michigan University, Graduate Teaching Assistant

COM 1000: Communication and Community Engagement August 2013- April 2014
COM 3050: Practices of Leadership Spring 2012

Western Michigan University, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Fall 2011

Assisted a Professor of Communication in teaching COM 3050 Practice of Leadership to a class of 60 undergraduate students

Pedagogical Training and Development

Committee of Pedagogical and Classroom Development Fall 2017-Present

Inaugural member of a pedagogy-focused training committee designed to guide first-year graduate students in designing and teaching courses. Responsibilities of this position include invited lectures, sharing classroom resources, and regular training meetings with other experienced instructors to develop new training material.

Preparing Future Faculty Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Completed this 1-year course exploring faculty positions in various environments including community colleges, liberal arts universities, and non-tenure-track faculty. Also

participated in formal training sessions regarding mentoring, academic integrity, and academic portfolio creation.

Virtual Diversity Education Fall 2016-Spring 2018
Piloted a diversity education program in the classroom to encourage students' comprehension, acceptance, and advocacy for issues relating to diversity and inequality.

Teaching Practicum Spring 2017
Completed guided teaching/learning experience with an experienced faculty member who provided feedback and supervision of course materials & lectures.

Invited Lectures

Presenter for Communication 1200 Informative Speaking Training Fall 2017
Invited lecture for incoming graduate students seeking training on how to design and grade the informative speech in the Communication 1200: Public Speaking course.

Presenter for Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Fall 2014
Invited lecture for junior officers in the NROTC at the University of Missouri on how to adapt information for a professional presentation within a work setting.

Service

Advisor, Intercollegiate Communication Organization of Mizzou August 2015-Present
University of Missouri
Educated and mentored the executive board members to foster growth and retention in the organization, which is designed to educate undergraduate students on the careers available to them with a communication degree and offer them internship opportunities with local organizations.

Organizer, Comm Week in the Department of Communication October 2015-Present
University of Missouri
Collaborated with a team of faculty and undergraduate students to develop a week-long celebration and awareness-raising campaign for the department, which services over 500 people throughout the week.

Organizer, Communiqué November 2013
Western Michigan University
Planned and executed the event "Master's in the Workplace for the organization Communiqué. The event included three Master's educated speakers who shared information on what workplace opportunities are available to Master's students after graduation.

Facilitator, Public Relations Organization February 2013

Western Michigan University

Conducted mock interviews with undergraduate students and provided resumé critiques.

Academic Honors and Awards

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Western Michigan University	2012-2013
Michigan Competitive Scholarship Western Michigan University	2012-2013
Academic Competitiveness Grant Western Michigan University	2010-2011
Western Edge Scholarship Western Michigan University	Fall 2010

Professional Development

Member of the Association of Communication Graduate Students University of Missouri	2014-present
Member of Communiqué, Graduate School of Communication Western Michigan University	2013
Graduate Students Advisory Committee, Graduate College Western Michigan University	2013
Alternative Spring Break Western Michigan University	2011-2013

Relevant Professional Experience

Student Orientation Coordinator, First-Year Experience Programs, *Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI, 2011-2012

- Recruited, supervised, evaluated, and trained Orientation Student Leaders to lead incoming first-year students in official campus tours during Summer 2012
- Welcomed new students and families and worked with various departments to accommodate their needs
- Worked with a team to create tour routes, obtain sponsorships, and offer involvement opportunities for the incoming students of Fall 2012

LEADCorp Intern, Student Activities and Leadership Programs, *Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI, 2012-2013

- Worked with a small team to plan and facilitate two leadership retreats for 50 students
- Mentored first-year students who are participants of a year-long leadership program
- Participated in training focusing on coaching, mentoring, and facilitation skills

Resident Advisor, Office of Residence Life, *Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI, 2010-2013

- Mentored and created a positive experience for an average of 60 diverse students
- Maintained safety for the residents by performing nightly/weekend duties, responding to crisis situations, and promoting healthy and safe decisions to create a welcoming community
- Planned and executed a minimum of 14 programs a year to promote student success