

---

## COLLEEN WARNER COLANER

---

216 Switzler Hall  
Department of Communication  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, MO 65211  
(573) 882-3522  
colanerc@missouri.edu

---

### EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D.</b>	<b>University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE</b> Department of Communication Studies	2011
<b>M.A.</b>	<b>Wake Forest University</b> Department of Communication	2007
<b>B.A.</b>	<b>Cedarville University</b> Department of Communication Arts	2004

---

### APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Editor**, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, (2020-present)
- Associate Professor**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2017-present)
- Associate Chair**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2017-2020)
- Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2017-2020)
- Affiliate Faculty**, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Missouri (2014-present)
- Faculty Fellow**, Center for Family Policy and Research (2011-present)
- Assistant Professor**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2011-2017)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication Studies, University of Nebraska (2007-2011)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication, Wake Forest University (2005-2007)
- Instructor**, Department of Social Science and History, Cedarville University (2004-2006)

---

## GRANT ACTIVITY

University of Missouri College of Arts and Science Faculty International Travel Grant (2021).  
**Awarded \$2000.**

National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) grant (under review).

PI; Open adoption communication: Processes and outcomes. University of Missouri Research Board Grant; 6/2018- 5/2019. **Awarded \$41,000.**

University of Missouri College of Arts and Science Faculty International Travel Grant (2018).  
**Awarded \$1800.**

University of Missouri Arts and Humanities Domestic Travel Program (2017). **Awarded \$1,416.**

University of Missouri College of Arts and Science Fellowship. (2015). **Awarded \$5000.**

University of Arkansas SEC Visiting Faculty Travel Grant. (2013). "Online Communication in Adoption Relationships." With Webb, L. M., Amason, P., & Hesse, C. **Awarded \$2500.**

National Institutes of Health. (2012). "An Assessment Tool and Model to Improve Military Family Deployment Communication." With Houston, B. (\$428,803 total costs over 2 years). Unfunded.

University of Missouri Richard Wallace Alumni Grant. (2012). "Adoptive Parent Communication in Open Adoption Relationships." **Awarded \$3000.**

University of Missouri Summer Research Fellowship. (2012). "Assessing Agency Perspectives on Open Adoption Communication in Adoptive and Birth Family Relationships."  
**Awarded \$7000.**

University of Missouri Research Council Grant. (2012). "Assessing Agency Perspectives on Open Adoption Communication in Adoptive and Birth Family Relationships." **Awarded \$4489.**

University of Missouri Arts and Science Alumni Organization Faculty Incentive Grant. (2012). "Exploring the Formation of a Developed Adoptive Identity with Adult Adoptee Focus Groups." **Awarded \$1500.**

University of Nebraska Graduate Fellowship. (2010). **Awarded \$1000.**

Organization for Research on Women and Communication Research Development Grant.  
(2009). “Mother/Daughter Communication of Interwoven Identities: Transmission of  
Mother, Feminist, and Generativity Identities” with Rittenour, C. E. **Awarded \$1000.**

---

## **AWARDS**

### **Top paper Awards**

Top four paper Family Communication Division, National Communication Association (2020)

Top four paper Family Communication Division, National Communication Association (2017)

Top four paper Family Communication Division, National Communication Association (2015)

Top panel, Central States Communication Association (2014)

Top student paper, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association  
(2009)

Top panel, Communication Education Division, Central States Communication Association  
(2010)

Top student paper, Interpersonal and Small Group Division of the Central States  
Communication Association (2008)

### **Teaching/Advising Awards**

University of Missouri Graduate Faculty Mentor Award, University of Missouri Graduate School  
(2020)

Doctoral Faculty Commencement Marshal, University of Missouri, University of Missouri  
Graduate School (2019)

Advisor of the Year, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2016)

Top 25 Communication Professors, communications-major.com (2016)

Lambda Pi Eta Honorary Membership, University of Missouri (2012)

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Research Award (Nominated by the Communication Studies  
Department and Received Honorable Mention), University of Nebraska (2009)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Centennial Fellowship 2007

### **Honors**

Rudd Summer Adoption Research Institute selectee, Rudd Adoption Research Program, University of Massachusetts (2017)

New Scholar Workshop selectee, International Association for Relationship Research (2009)

Doctoral Honors Seminar selectee, National Communication Association (2009)

Young Scholars' Masters Class selectee, Central States Communication Association (2009)

DePauw University Undergraduate Honors Conference selectee (2000)

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Research Activities

**Director**, Communication in Open Adoption Relationships Project Research Lab, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2019-present)

**Co-Director**, Family and Relationship Researchers Network, University of Missouri (2016-present)

**Editor**, *Journal of Family Communication*, Special Issue on Adoption and Communication (2021-2022)

### Books

Braithwaite, D., Schrodtt, P., & **Colaner**, C. W. (forthcoming). *Family communication: Cohesion and change* (11<sup>th</sup> ed.). Routledge.

Soliz, J. & **Colaner**, C. W. (Eds.). (2020). *Navigating relationships in the modern family: Communication, identity, and difference*. Peter Lang.

### Journal Articles (*n* = 31)

*All publications are in refereed journals*

\*Indicates co-author was a graduate student while completing work on the manuscript/project

\*\*Indicates co-author was an undergraduate student while completing work on the manuscript/project

**Colaner**, C.W., Atkins, A., Elkhalid, A.\*, Minnear, M., & Soliz, J. (forthcoming). Communication in interfaith and multiethnic-racial families: Navigating identity and difference in family relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221137317>

Ogan, M.A.\*, Monk, J.K., Killoren, S., Rivero, A., **Colaner**, C.W., Chavez, F.L.C. (forthcoming). The Effects of discrimination and psychological distress on U.S. Latino/a

young adults' relational uncertainty and relationship instability. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.

**Colaner, C.W.** (2022). Adoption, Communication, and Family Networks: Current Research and Future Directions. *Journal of Family Communication*, 22(3), 185-192.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2022.2101458>

\*Charvat, E. J., Garneau-Rosner, C. L., Monk, J. K., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2022). The intergenerational transmission of relationship instability: A focus on emerging adult on-off relationships. *Family Process*, 10, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12765>

Hernandez, R. & **Colaner, C. W.** (2022). “The stakes are so high and it’s happening so fast”: Parentification of adult children during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 39(7), 1959–1978. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221074380>

**Colaner, C. W.**, \*Elkhalid, A., \*Bish, A., \*Butauski, M., \*Nelson, L., & \*Rick, J. (2021). Communicatively constructing godparenthood: Relational maintenance and relational closeness. *Journal of Family Communication*, 21(2), 107-117,  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2021.1903901>

**Colaner, C. W.**, \*Bish, A., \*Butaski, M., \*Hays, A., Horstman, H., & Nelson, L. R. (2022). Communication privacy management in open adoption relationships: Negotiating co-ownership across in-person and mediated communication. *Communication Research*, 49(6), 816-837. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650221998474>

Hernandez, R. & **Colaner, C. W.** (2021). “This is not the hill to die on. Even if we literally could die on this hill”: Examining communication ecologies of COVID-19 uncertainty, family communication, and healthcare. *American Behavioral Science*, 65(7), 956-975.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0002764221992840>

McQuillan, J, Greil, A. L., Rybinska, A., Tiemeyer, S., Shreffler, K., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2021). Is a dyadic stressor experienced as equally distressing by both partners? The case of perceived fertility problems. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 38(1), 342-362.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407520953903>

Warner, B., **Colaner, C. W.**, \*Park, J. (2021). Political difference and polarization in the family: The role of (non)accommodating communication for navigating identity differences. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 38(2), 564-585.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407520967438>

\*Nelson, L. R., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2020). Fostering “family”: Communication orientations in the foster parent-child relationship. *Western Journal of Communication*, 84(4), 476-498.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10570314.2020.1734231>

Horstman, H., Schrodtt, P., Warner, B. E., \*Hays, A., \*Maliski, R., Koerner, A., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2018). Expanding the conceptual and empirical boundaries of family communication patterns: The development and validation of an expanded conformity orientation scale.

*Communication Monographs*, 85, 157-180. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2018.1428354>

Horstman, H.K., **Colaner**, C. W., \*Nelson, L.R., \*Bish, A., & \*Hays, A. (2018). Communicatively constructing the birth parent relationship in open adoptive families: Naming, connecting, and relational functioning. *Journal of Family Communication*, 18, 138-152. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2018.1429444>

Nelson, L. R., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2018). Becoming a transracial family: Communicatively negotiating divergent identities in families formed through transracial adoption. *Journal of Family Communication*, 18, 51-67. doi: 10.1080/15267431.2017.1396987

**Colaner**, C. W., Horstman, H. K., & Rittenour, C. E. (2018). Negotiating adoptive and birth shared family identity: A social identity complexity approach. *Western Journal of Communication*, 82, 393-415. doi: 10.1080/10570314.2017.1384564

**Colaner**, C. W., & Soliz, J. (2017). A communication-based approach to adoptive identity: Theoretical and empirical support. *Communication Research*, 44, 611-637. doi: 10.1177/0093650215577860

Horstman, H. K., \*Butauski, M., \*Johnsen, L. J., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2017). The communication privacy management of adopted individuals in their social networks: Disclosure decisions in light of the discourse of biological normativity. *Communication Studies*, 68, 296-313.

Horstman, H. K., **Colaner**, C. W., & Rittenour, C. E. (2016). Contributing factors of adult adoptees' identity work and self-esteem: Family communication patterns and adoption-specific communication. *Journal of Family Communication*, 16, 263-276. doi: 10.1080/15267431.2016.1181069

**Colaner**, C. W., & Scharp, K. (2016). Maintaining open adoption relationships: Practitioner insights on adoptive parents' regulation of adoption kinship networks. *Communication Studies*, 67, 359-378. doi: 10.1080/10510974.2016.1164208

\*Hays, A., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2016). Discursively constructing identity after an autism diagnosis: Trials, tribulations, and triumphs. *Journal of Family Communication*, 16, 143-159. doi: 10.1080/15267431.2016.1146722

\*Hays, A., Horstman, H., **Colaner**, C. W., & \*Nelson, L. (2016). "She chose us to be your parents": Exploring the content and process of adoption entrance narratives told in families formed through open adoption. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 33, 917-937. doi: 10.1177/0265407515611494

**Colaner**, C. W., & Rittenour, C. E. (2015). "Feminism begins at home": The influence of mother gender socialization on daughter career and motherhood aspirations as channeled through daughter feminist identification. *Communication Quarterly*, 63, 81-98. doi: 10.1080/01463373.2014.965839

**Colaner, C. W.** (2014). Measuring adoptive identity: Validation of the Adoptive Identity Work Scale. *Adoption Quarterly, 17*, 134-157. doi: 10.1080/10926755.2014.891546

**Colaner, C. W., \*Halliwell, D., & \*\*Guignon, P.** (2014). "What do you say to your mother when your mother's standing beside you?" Birth and adoptive family contributions to adoptive identity via relational identity and relational-relational identity gaps. *Communication Monographs, 81*, 469-494. doi: 10.1080/03637751.2014.955808

**Colaner, C. W., Soliz, J., & \*\*Nelson, L. R.** (2014). Communicatively managing religious identity difference in parent-child relationships: The role of accommodative and non-accommodative communication. *Journal of Family Communication, 14*, 310-327. doi: 10.1080/15267431.2014.945700

Rittenour, C. E., **Colaner, C. W., & \*Odenweller, K. G.** (2014). Mothers' identities and gender socialization of daughters. *Southern Communication Journal, 79*, 215-234. doi: 10.1080/1041794X.2014.895408

Rittenour, C. E., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2012). Finding female fulfillment: Intersecting role-based and morality-based identities of motherhood, feminism, and generativity as predictors of women's self satisfaction and life satisfaction. *Sex Roles, 67*, 351-362. doi: 10.1007/s11199-012-0186-7

**Colaner, C. W., & Kranstuber, H.** (2010). "Forever kind of wondering": Communicatively managing uncertainty in adoptive families. *Journal of Family Communication, 10*, 236-255. doi: 10.1080/15267431003682435

**Colaner, C. W.** (2009). Exploring the communication of Evangelical families: The impact of Evangelical gender role ideology on family communication patterns. *Communication Studies, 60*, 97-113. doi: 10.1080/10510970902834833

**Colaner, C. W., & Giles, S. M.** (2008). The baby blanket or the briefcase: The impact of Evangelical gender role ideologies on career and mothering aspirations of female Evangelical college students. *Sex Roles, 58*, 526-534. doi: 10.1007/s11199-007-9352-8

**Colaner, C. W., & Warner, S. C.** (2005). The effect of egalitarian and complementarian gender role attitudes on career aspirations in female undergraduate college students. *Journal of Psychology and Theology, 33*, 225-229.

### **Book and Handbook Chapters (n = 12)**

\*Scruggs, X., **Colaner, C.W.** (2022). Navigating difficult conversations in the family in the 2020 election environment. In B.R. Warner, D.G. Bystrom, M.S. McKinney, & M.C. Banwart (Eds.), *Democracy Disrupted: Communication in the Volatile 2020 Presidential Election* (pp.77-92). Praegar.

**Colaner, C. W., Horstman, H.** (2021). Adoptive and foster families. In A. Vangelisti (Ed., 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) *Routledge handbook of family communication* (158-172). Routledge.

- Colaner, C. W. & Soliz, J.** (2020). Preface. In J. Soliz & C. W. Colaner (Eds.), *Navigating relationships in the modern family: Communication, identity, and difference* (pp. ix-xx). Peter Lang.
- Colaner, C. W. & \*Kilgore, L. M.** (2020). Adoptee identity, belonging, and communication with birth and adoptive families. In J. Soliz & C. W. Colaner (Eds.), *Navigating relationships in the modern family: Communication, identity, and difference* (pp. 155-172). Peter Lang.
- Colaner, C. W., Horstman, H., & \*Butauski, M.** (2019). Sustaining and draining? Adoptive mothers' enactment of rituals in open adoption relationships. In A. Alford & M. Miller-Day (Eds.), *Constructing motherhood and daughterhood: Communicating across generations* (pp. 111-128). Peter Lang.
- Colaner, C. W.** (2019). Adoption as permanent liminality: Adoption experiences and cultural parenting values. In T. Carson (Ed.) *Neither here nor there: The many voices of liminality* (pp. 143-165). The Lutterworth Press.
- Soliz, J., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2017). Communication accommodation theory and communication theory of identity: Theories of communication and identity. In Braithwaite, D., Suter, B., & Floyd, K. (Eds.), *Engaging theories in family communication: Multiple perspectives (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed; pp. 75-86)*. Routledge.
- Warner, B., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2016). Talking politics at the dinner table: The effects of family communication styles on young citizens' normative political attitudes. In E. Thorson, M. McKinney & D. Shaw (Eds.), *Political socialization in a media saturated world* (pp. 195-212). Peter Lang Publishing.
- Soliz, J., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2015). Familial solidarity and religious identity: Communication and Interfaith Families. In L. Turner & R. West (Eds.), *The Sage handbook of family communication* (pp. 401-416). Sage.
- Galvin, K., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2015). Communication in adoptive families. In C. Berger & M. Roloff (Eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Interpersonal Communication*. WileyBlackwell. doi: 10.1002/9781118540190.wbeic078.
- Colaner, C. W., \*Poynter, D., & \*Nelson, L.** (2014). Second parent adoption (stepparents). In L. Ganong & M. Coleman (Eds.), *Social history of American families: An encyclopedia* (pp. 32-33). Sage.
- Galvin, K., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2013). Created through law and language: Communicative complexities of adoptive families. In K. Floyd & M. Morman (Eds.), *Widening the family circle* (2nd ed., pp. 191-209). Sage.
- Braithwaite, D. O., Breshears, D., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2009). Weddings. In H. T. Reis & S. Sprecher (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of human relationships* (Vol. 3, pp. 1687-1688). Sage.



**Competitive Papers and Conference Presentations**

*\*Indicates co-author was a graduate student while completing work on the manuscript/project*

*\*\*Indicates co-author was an undergraduate student while completing work on the manuscript/project*

**Colaner, C. W.** (2022, November). Adoptive and biological mother relationships: Communicating compassion, forgiveness, and gratitude. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

**Colaner, C. W., \*Kilgore, L., \*Williams, N., \*Elkhalid, A., \*Jordan, E.,** (2021, November). A model of (dis)embodied mothering: adoptive mothers' identity construction through enacted and re-embodied mothering practices. Paper to be presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA.

**Colaner, C. W., \*Jordan, E., \*Elkhalid, A., \*Morrison S., \*\*Silvey, H., \*Kilgore, L., & \*Williams, N.** (2021, November). Emotion coaching adopted children: Individual and family systems correlates. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

**Colaner, C. W., \*Elkhalid, A., \*Jordan, E., & \*Morrison, S.** (2021, July) Communicating support to adopted children: Emotion coaching and adoption communication openness. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Conference on Adoption Research, Milan, Italy.

Hernandez, R. & **Colaner, C. W.** (2021, May). "This is not the hill to die on. Even if we literally could die on this hill": Examining communication ecologies of COVID-19 uncertainty, family communication, and healthcare. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Communication Association, Denver, CO.

**Colaner, C. W. & Soliz, J.** (2020, November). Families at the crossroads: Navigating communication, identity, and difference in the modern family. Panel discussion at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN.

**Colaner, C. W., \*Elkhalid, A., \*Bish, A., \*Butauski, M., \*Nelson, L., & \*Rick, J.** (2020, November). Communicatively constructing godparenthood: Relational maintenance and relational closeness. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN.

**\*Kilgore, L., Horstman, H., Colaner, C. W.** (2020, November). "I'm still breathing, I'm still alive": Former foster youths' narratives of trauma and resilience. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN.

Warner, B., **Colaner, C. W., \*Park, J.** (2020, November). Political difference and polarization in the family: The role of (non)accommodating communication for navigating identity differences. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN.

- Colaner, C. W., \*Kilgore, L., \*Williams, N., \*Elkhalid, A., \*Jordan, E., \*Morrison S., & \*\*Silvey, H.,** (2020, November). Disembodied mothering: Adoptive mothers' identity construction of their parental role. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, St. Louis, MO.
- Colaner, C. W., \*Hays, A., \*Kilgore, L. M., & \*Bish, A.** (2019, November). Communication standards in open adoption relationships: Adoptive parents' ideal communication, actual communication, and relational satisfaction with birth families. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MA.
- \*Franken, N. & **Colaner, C. W.** (2019, November). Applying the Communication Theory of Identity to members of Alcoholics Anonymous: Interpenetration of layer-related identity-building resources for members of AA. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MA.
- Colaner, C. W. & Weir, K.** (2019, November). Play-based data collection: Evaluating school counseling outcomes through play-based measures. Paper presented at the meeting of the Missouri State Teachers Association, Osage Beach, MO.
- Colaner, C. W. & Weir, K.** (2019, November). Emotion coaching: Helping little ones navigate big feelings. Paper presented at the meeting of the Missouri State Teachers Association, Osage Beach, MO.
- Colaner, C. W. & Weir, K.** (2019, April). Soliciting children's perspectives: Play-based data collection methods in child-centered communication research. Short course presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Omaha, NE.
- Colaner, C. W.** (2018, November). Adoption as permanent liminality: Adoption experiences and cultural parenting values. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Colaner, C. W.** (2018, November). Dark sides and silver linings of family formation. Panel presentation delivered at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Colaner, C. W. & Weir, K.** (2018, November). Soliciting children's perspectives: Play-based data collection methods in child-centered communication research. Short course presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Colaner, C. W., \*\*Dolan, K., \*\*Magnusen, M., \*\*Miller, S., & \*\*Swanson, H.** (2018, May). In their own words and worlds: Considering children's perspectives of family relationships and communication. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Colaner, C. W., \*Bish, A., \*Butaski, M., \*Hays, A., Horstman, H., & Nelson, L. R.** (2017, November). Managing private information in open adoption relationships: The role of

face-to-face and mediated communication. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX. *Top Four paper for the Family Communication Division.*

- Horstman, H., Schrodts, P., Warner, B., Koerner, A. F., Maliski, R., Hays, A., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2017, November). Expanding the conceptual and empirical boundaries of family communication patterns: The development and validation of an expanded conformity orientation scale. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas TX.
- Halliwell, D. & **Colaner**, C. W. (2017, May). Exploring a dialogue of sibling relationships. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- Nelson, L. R. & **Colaner**, C. W. (2016, May). “Never loved a black person”: Communicatively negotiating divergent ethnic identities in families formed through transracial adoption. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- Halliwell, D. & **Colaner**, C. W. (2016, November). Applications of communication theory of identity (CTI): How do identity management and negotiation occur in context? Panel presentation delivered at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- \*Nelson, L. R., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2016, November). Fostering “family”: How communication sustains and functions in foster families. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Horstman, H., **Colaner**, C. W., \*Nelson, L. R., \*Bish, A. L., & \*Hays, A. (2016, November). Naming practices and contact types in open adoptive families: Strategies and outcomes for communicating with birth parents. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Colaner**, C. W., \*Nelson, L. R., Horstman, H., & \*Hays, A. (2016, November). An intergroup perspective on relational maintenance and role negotiation in the adoptive/birth parent relationship. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- \*Hays, A., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2015, November). An exploration of discourse dependency in identity construction in families with a child on the Autism spectrum: Discursive trials, tribulations, and triumphs. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV. *Top Four paper for the Family Communication Division.*
- Colaner**, C. W., & Scharp, K. M. (2015, November). Family forests: Practitioner suggestions for adoptive parents' regulation of adoption kinship networks in open adoption relationships.

Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.

**Colaner, C. W., Horstman, H. K., & Rittenour, C. E.** (2015, November). Negotiating shared family identity with adoptive and birth family members: A social identity complexity and communication approach. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.

**Colaner, C. W.** (2015, November). Mothering in the 21st Century: Current issues in mother-daughter relationships. Panel presentation delivered at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Warner, B. E., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2014, November). Talking politics at the dinner table: The effects of family political communication on young citizens' normative political attitudes. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Horstman, H. K., **Colaner, C. W., & Rittenour, C. E.** (2014, May). Patterning openness: Expanding family communication patterns to enhance adult adoptee dual family identities and self-esteem. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Communication Association, Seattle, WA.

**Colaner, C. W., \*Poynter, D., & \*\*Guignon, P.** (2013, November). Residence, reunion, and recognition: Adoptive and birth family relationships converging and conflicting to inform adoptive identity. Paper presented the meeting of the National Communication Association, Washington D.C.

Rittenour, C. E., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2013, April). Communicating gendered values: Women's motherhood, feminism, and generativity identities as predictors of gender socialization of Daughters. Paper presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Kansas City, MO.

**Colaner, C. W.** (2012, November). Communicatively constructing adoption: Exploring the association between parental communication, developed adoptive identity, and adoptee adjustment. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.

**Colaner, C. W.** (2012, November). Religious identity and family communication – Current findings and future directions. Panel discussion at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Orlando, FL.

**Colaner, C. W., & \*\*Nelson, L. R.** (2012, April). Communicatively managing religious identity difference in parent-child relationships: The role of accommodative and non-accommodative communication. Paper presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Cleveland, OH.

**Colaner, C. W., & Rittenour, C. E.** (2011, November). Feminism begins at home: The influence of mother gender socialization on daughter's motherhood and career

aspirations as channeled through daughter feminist identification. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

Rittenour, C. E., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2011, February). Women's intersecting identities, female fulfillment, and gender guidance: The links between women's mothering, feminist, and generativity identities, mother's well-being, and gender socialization of daughters. Paper presented at the meeting of the Western States Communication Association, Monterey, CA.

**Colaner**, C. W., McQuillan, J., Shreffler, K., & Greil, A. L. (2010, November). Perception of fertility problems as a shared couple stressor and consequences for fertility specific distress. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

**Colaner**, C. W. (2010, April). Engaging the dark side. Panel presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, OH.

**Colaner**, C. W. (2010, April). How close is too close? Examining teachers' self-disclosure and student engagement. Panel presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, OH. *Top panel for the Communication Education division.*

**Colaner**, C. W., & Kranstuber, H. (2009, November). "Forever kind of wondering": Communicatively managing uncertainty in adoptive families. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL. *Top student paper for the Family Communication Division.*

**Colaner**, C. W. (2009, June). Engaging adoptees in current and future scholarship: A proposal to investigate the formation of an integrated adoptive identity. Paper presented at the Doctoral Honors Seminar, Morgantown, WV.

**Colaner**, C. W. (2008, November). Turning points in the co-construction of religious identity in Evangelical homes. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA.

**Colaner**, C. W. (2008, April). "Tell me again how you found me": A proposal to explore associations between adopted children's entrance stories, child well-being, and family health. Paper presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Madison, WI. (Interpersonal Young Scholars Masters Class with Steve Duck.)

**Colaner**, C. W. (2008, April). Exploring the communication of Evangelical families: The impact of Evangelical gender role ideology on family communication patterns. Paper presented at the meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Madison, WI. *Top student paper for Interpersonal and Small Group Division.*

**Colaner, C. W., & Giles, S. M.** (2007, November). Predicting adolescent body esteem and weight control behaviors from direct and indirect parent norms. Paper presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

**Colaner, C. W.** (2006, November). Complementarianism: Conservative religious gender discourse as technical knowledge. Paper presented at the 2006 National Communication Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.

**Colaner, C. W.** (2006, April). Side by side or one step behind: The effects of Evangelical Christian gender beliefs on family typology. Poster session presented at the Wake Forest University Graduate Research Day.

**Colaner, C. W.** (2004, May). The effect of egalitarianism and complementarian sex role attitudes on career and home aspirations in female undergraduate college students. Paper presented at the meeting of the DePauw University Undergraduate Honors Conference.

### **Invited Research Presentations**

*Play-based data collection and analysis: Empirical support for school counselor interventions.* Mid-Missouri School Counselor Association Professional Development Meeting (October 29, 2021).

*Fall Honors Faculty Lecture Series: Liminality.* University of Missouri Honors College (October 8, 2021).

*Pediatric Mental Health during a pandemic.* Missouri Local Science Engagement Network, MOST Policy Initiative (September 2021).

*Communication and Co-Creating Families and Selves.* Family Communication course, Dr. Dawn Braithwaite, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (September 2021).

*Why aren't my birth parents raising me?* Grandfamilies Support Group, University of Missouri Extension/ParentLink. (July 2021).

*Navigating personal and relational identity in transracial adoptive families.* Parenting Across Colorlines, Lincoln, NE. (April 2021).

*Program evaluation: Playful data collection methods for school counseling interventions.* Mid-Missouri School Counselor Association Professional Development Meeting (March 3, 2020).

*Navigating relationships in the modern family: Communication, identity, and difference.* Colloquium presentation, Department of Communication, University of Missouri. (February 2020).

*“Adoption stories and family relationships”.* Undergraduate class presentation, Department of Psychology, University of Missouri (October 2020).

*“The power of positive communication: Using communication skills to promote connection in personal relationships”*. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, College of Arts and Science Potpourri, University of Missouri (October 2018).

*Emotion coaching interventions with elementary-aged students*. Mid-Missouri School Counselor Association Professional Development Meeting (February 3, 2018).

*Adoption research: Communication and identity*. Doctoral seminar presentation, Department of Communication, Ohio University (March 2017).

*Approaches to researching children’s communication*. Advisory Council meeting presentation, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (November 2015).

*Creating and maintaining open adoption relationships: Family structures, stories, and shared family identity*. Developmental Psychology Division brown bag seminar, Department of Psychology, University of Missouri (September 2015).

*Institute of Family Diversity and Communication: Current research and future directions*. Colloquium presentation, Department of Communication, University of Missouri. (March 2015).

*Origins, belonging, and the adopted individual: Measuring and predicting adoptive identity*. Developmental Psychology Division brown bag seminar, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (October 2012).

## **Media Appearances**

“Mama raised a quitter: How saying 'no' can help with mental health”

**Local Media Placements**

04/15/22      Vox Magazine

“Advice for talking to children about the Russian invasion in Ukraine”

**Local Media Placements**

02/25/22      KMIZ-TV (ABC)

“MU expert has discovered ways to successfully blend a family”

**Local Media Placements:** 122,725 potential reach

02/25/22      The Missourian

“Community reacts after the killings of a Fulton teacher and her 11-year-old daughter”

**Local Media Placements:** 122,725 potential reach

08/24/21      KMIZ-TV (ABC)

“Children can be scared when hearing about COVID-19. Here are five ways to talk with children about the virus.”

**International and National Placements:** Total Placements: 11; Total Reach: 3.4 million potential reach; Total social media shares: 828

03/25/20 Futurity (AAU science news website; 1.6 million potential reach)  
 04/01/20 Red Tricycle (863,000 potential reach)  
 03/24/20 Castanet (Canada) (669,000 potential reach)  
 04/06/20 ATTN: (video) (123,000 people reached, 282 engagements)  
 03/25/20 For Every Mom (42,000 potential reach)

**Local Media Placements:** 142,572 potential reach; aired 2 times

04/09/20 KOMU-TV (NBC)

“Children can benefit when adoptive, biological parents share adoption stories”

**International and National Placements:** Total Placements: 2

08/10/16 Futurity (AAU science news website; 1.6 million potential reach)

04/01/20 Red Tricycle (863,000 potential reach)

“MU professor shares research, experience as mother who adopted children across racial lines”

**Local Media Placements**

10/27/14 The Missourian

### **Community-Engaged Research/Teaching/Service Projects**

*Family Life Educator*, Adopting Communication LLC (2017-present)

*Family Communication Affiliate*, Kindred Collective (2017-present)

#### Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics Intervention

*This research-based training program came out of a partnership with Great Circle and the Kindred Collective, both community non-profits aimed at promoting mental health in children and families. This training provides a foundational understanding of trauma and children’s developing brains. In partnership with trained NMT practitioners, I was able to offer brain-mapping analysis to adopted children showing lasting effects of prenatal trauma. Results of the brain-mapping suggested targeted therapeutic services which I was able to negotiate with families.*

#### Trust Based Relationship Intervention

*This research-based training provides tools for educating parents and caregivers on communication practices to address complex developmental trauma in children. After an 8-week training, I was able to interact with adoptive and foster parents in the community to offer trauma-informed, research-based solutions to manage challenging behaviors with children.*

#### Tree of Life Narrative Intervention

*This research-based intervention involves an interactive workshop in which participants integrate past, present, and future experiences into an integrative whole to make sense of difficult experiences. After being trained in the intervention through the Narrative Therapy Centre, I offered this sense-making intervention in the community and university.*



**Academic Tree of Life** – presented at the Communicative, Creative, and Community Research and Arts Retreat, Breckenridge, CO (June 7-10, 2019).

**Collective Tree of Life** – presented at the Kindred Collective, Columbia, MO (October 19, 2019).

**Research Tree of Life** – presented at the Open Adoption Communication Lab, University of Missouri (October 23, 2019)

#### Triple P Positive Parenting Program

*This research-based parenting model provides tools for educating parents on positive parenting communication practices. After a 5-day training and accreditation process, I was able to interact with parents in the community to address parenting challenges and find research-based solutions.*

**2019 Parenting workshops** – April 14, April 23, May 3

**One-on-One parent education** – Ongoing individual meetings to address specific parenting challenges with approximately 25 families in the community

#### Emotion Coaching Caregiver Education

*Workshop series developed with registered play therapist Kate Weir and counseling practitioner Tim Carson to provide caregivers with support and strategies to effectively respond to children's intense emotional expression. Workshops presentations translated research on child-centered emotional responsiveness into an interactive session with child caregivers.*

**Coyote Hill staff training** – Emotion coaching children in the foster care system: Promoting emotional responsiveness in the face of trauma histories (April 3, 2018)

**Columbia Public Schools Elementary School Counselors training** – Emotion coaching children in school settings: Supporting elementary students through difficult emotions (February 6, 2018)

**2019 community workshops** – Helping your child (and yourself) through big feelings: A Workshop for Child Caregivers (March 16, May 16, May 18)

**2018 community workshops** – Emotion Coaching: A Workshop for Child Caregivers (April 3, August 23, August 25, August 28, September 16, September 18, September 20, October 25, November 3, November 27, November 28)

**2017 community workshops** – Helping little ones navigate big feelings (October 31, November 2, November 7, November 9)

#### Family Strengthening Through Art

*In collaboration with local artist Jenny McGee, we created a community action-based research and creative arts workshop for parents promote identity building and communication clarity within family units. The interactive workshop translated family communication research on positive family communication into an art-based group exercise to develop cohesion and belongingness within family units.*

**2018 community workshops** – Family Art Night (February 26, March 5, March 20, October 4)

**Coyote Hill staff training** – Creating “Home” in the Residential Foster Care Communities: Communication Expectations and Realities (March 20, 2018)

COMMUN 4701: Children’s Communication Service Learning Project (Fall 2015)

*Undergraduate and graduate students collaborated on a service learning project with ParentLink, a non-profit community organization housed in the University of Missouri’s College of Education. Students volunteered in the Cub Hub program, which is an onsite child care service provided to student parents in the community. Students provided child care for the children and worked with parents to provide research-based information for parent-child communication strategies.*

Course activities:

- Students conducted a play-based child interview with children to generate knowledge on children’s communication behaviors.
- Students created research-based pamphlets for parents on challenging parenting topics.
- Students participated in the Family Fun Fest event. They created activities to entertain the children during the event, talked to parents about parenting issues, distributed research-based resources to parents and caregivers.
- Students presented their projects to College of Education Dean Dr. Kristen Chval.
- A subset of undergraduate and graduate students continued the research project, resulting in research manuscript presented to the International Communication Association and under review at Journal of Family Communication.

### **TRAININGS/ONGOING EDUCATION**

Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics Intervention Great Circle Partnership	April 2020
Trust Based Relationship Intervention Community Training	January 2020
Tree of Life – Dulwich Centre for Narrative Therapy Narrative Therapy and Research Technique	July 2018
Triple P Positive Parenting Program Boone County Early Childhood Coalition	October 2018
RESPOND University of Missouri	May 2017
Trained Gottman Leader The Gottman Institute	October 2016

*Bringing Baby Home*  
*7 Principles for Making Marriage Work*

---

## TEACHING

### **Graduate Seminars**

Graduate Pro-Seminar (University of Missouri)  
 Family Communication (University of Missouri)  
 Communication and Family Diversity (University of Missouri)  
 Interpersonal Communication (University of Missouri)

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Children's Communication (University of Missouri)  
 Family Communication (University of Missouri)  
 Relational Communication (University of Missouri)  
 Research Methods (University of Missouri; University of Nebraska)  
 Interpersonal Communication (University of Nebraska)  
 Business and Professional Communication (University of Nebraska)  
 Small Group Communication (University of Nebraska)  
 Introduction to Public Speaking (Wake Forest University)  
 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (Wake Forest University)  
 Cultural Anthropology (Cedarville University)  
 Family and Society (Cedarville University)

### **Current Advisees**

LaShawdna Kilgore (PhD, expected May 2022)  
 Amnee Ekhalid (PhD, expected May 2023)  
 Ellen Jordan (PhD, expected May 2023)  
 Jana Hockersmith (PhD, expected May 2024)  
 Xavier Scruggs (PhD, expected 2024)

### **Completed Advisees**

Natilie Williams (PhD, May 2022).  
 Alyssa Bish (PhD, May 2019; MA, May 2017). Program Administrator of Faith-Based Initiatives, Missouri Children's Division  
 Leslie Nelson (PhD, May 2018). Assistant Professor, California Polytechnic University (tenure track)  
 Alexie Hays (PhD, April 2017). Assistant Professor, Marietta College (tenure track)  
 Danielle Poynter (PhD, May 2016). Assistant Professor, New Mexico State University (tenure track)  
 Kristina Wenzel (PhD, July 2014). Co-Advisor. Assistant Professor, Eckerd College (tenure track)  
 Noah Franken (PhD, July 2014). Assistant Professor, West Texas A&M University (tenure track)  
 Elaine Davies (PhD, December 2013). Co-Advisor. Assistant Professor, Southwestern Oklahoma State University (tenure track)

### **Current Committees**

Fatin Asnan (PhD, Department of Human Development and Family Studies)  
 Emily Charvat (PhD, Department of Human Development and Family Studies)  
 Shaye Morrison (PhD, Department of Communication)  
 Alaina Leverenz (PhD, Department of Communication)  
 Olivia Watson (PhD, Department of Communication)

### **Committees Completed**

Lauren Johnsen (PhD, Department of Communication, November 2021)  
 Matthew Ogden (PhD, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, June 2021)  
 Darvelle Hutchins (PhD, Department of Communication, December 2020)  
 Emily Charvat (MA, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, April 2020)  
 Susan Campbell (MA, School of Journalism, April 2020)  
 Christopher Odudu (MA, May 2018; PhD, May 2021; Department of Psychology)  
 Maria Butaski (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2019)  
 Tucker Robinson (MA, Department of Communication, May 2019)  
 Kendall Malkin (MA, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, April 2018)  
 Christine Luckasen (MA, Department of Communication, May 2018)  
 Ken Akers (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2017)  
 Ryan Maliski (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2017)  
 Jessica Rick (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2017)  
 Hannah Volpert (MA, Department of Psychology, September 2016)  
 Jenny Lewallen (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2016)  
 Brandon Miller (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2016)  
 Jane Brennan (MA, School of Journalism, May 2015)  
 Sara Trask (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2015)  
 Candy Noltensmeyer (PhD, Department of Communication, July 2014)  
 Ashton Chapman (MA, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, May 2014)  
 Loni Danise (MA, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, May 2012)  
 Tamara Coon (PhD, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, May 2012)  
 Emily Rauscher (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2012)

### **Undergraduate Mentoring**

Research Practicum: Sophie Richards (Fall 2022)

Undergraduate Honors Research: Heather Silvey (Fall 2019)

Children Communication Research Team: Katherine Dolan, Molly Magnusen, Samantha Miller, Hailey Swanson (Spring 2016)

Ashlee Reece, selected for the Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program (Summer 2012)

### **Invited Teaching Presentations**

Association of American Universities (AAU): *Revising Program Curriculum & Structure to Support Diverse Careers*, July 28, 2021.

University of Missouri Office of Graduate Studies: *Job Searches for Doctoral Students*. October 22, 2018.

University of Missouri Student Life Diversity Training: *Modern Families: The diverse structures, identities, and meanings of the new American Family*, January 14, 2015.

University of Missouri COMMUN 3561 Relational Communication: *Communicative approaches to family definitions and identity*, July 19, 2013.

University of Missouri GN\_HON 2243H Human Sciences Sequence I – Personal Identity: *Communication approaches to personal identity*, September 24, 2012.

University of Missouri COMMUN 4412 Gender, Language, and Communication: *Feminist identity development and gender socialization*, February 8, 2012.

University of Nebraska COMM 370 Family Communication: *Religiosity and the family*, Fall 2008.

### **Ongoing Teaching Education**

Teaching as Care Work: Caring for Ourselves While we Care for our Students. November 1, 2021.

College of Arts and Science Reverse Teach-In: Preparing for Fall. August 19, 2020

## **SERVICE**

### **Editorial Boards and Appointments**

2021-2022	<i>Journal of Family Communication</i> , Editor, Special Issue on Adoption and Communication
2020-2022	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Social and Personal Relationships</i>
2018-present	<i>Southern Communication Journal</i> , Editorial Board
2014-present	<i>Journal of Family Communication</i> , Editorial Board
2014-2020	<i>Western Journal of Communication</i> , Editorial Board

### **Service to the Communication Discipline**

#### **2022**

Symposium Chair, National Council on Family Relations Conference, Minneapolis, MN.  
(November 19)

Temple University Press, Invited Reviewer (October 15)

*Human Relations*, Invited Reviewer (August 26)

*Journal of Family Psychology*, Invited Reviewer (July 8)

**2021**

*Human Relations*, Invited Reviewer (November 17)  
*Journal of Family Psychology*, Invited Reviewer (June 7, December 3)  
*Communication Monographs*, Invited Reviewer (March 18, December 3)

**2020**

*Journal of Family Social Work*, Invited Reviewer (October 5)  
*Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer (July 2)

**2019**

*Child & Family Social Work*, Invited Reviewer  
*Communication Monographs*, Invited Reviewer  
*Management Communication Quarterly*, Invited Reviewer  
*Journal of Applied Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer  
Central States Communication Association Task Force on Family Inclusion

**2018**

*Afromontane Research Unit (UFS) Grant Programme*, Invited Reviewer  
*Adoption Quarterly*, Invited Reviewer

**2017**

*Journal of Applied Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer  
*Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer

**2016**

*Journal of Family Communication*, Editor Selection Committee  
*Communication Quarterly*, Invited Reviewer  
*Journal of Marriage and Family*, Invited Reviewer  
*Communication Teacher*, Editorial Board for special issue

**2015**

*Communication Monographs*, Invited Reviewer  
*Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, Invited Reviewer

**2013**

Faculty Leader, New Scholar Pre-Conference, International Association of Relationship Research  
New professional and graduate student representative, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association

**2012**

*Adoption Quarterly*, Invited Reviewer  
*Journal of Applied Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer  
Reviewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Panels, National Communication Association  
New professional and graduate student representative, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association

**2011**

New professional and graduate student representative, Family Communication Division,  
National Communication Association

*Human Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer

*Journal of Family Communication*, Invited Reviewer

*Sex Roles*, Invited Reviewer

Faculty Consultant, Adoptive Parent Communication Project, CC160 Interpersonal  
Communication, Emerson University

Organization for Research on Women and Communication Research, Grant Reviewer  
Development

Family Communication Division, National Communication Association, Paper reviewer

**2010**

Small Group and Interpersonal Division, Central States Communication  
Association, Paper Reviewer

Scholar to Scholar, National Communication Association, Session organizer

Assistant to Dawn Braithwaite, NCA President

**2009**

Assistant to Dawn Braithwaite, NCA President

**2008**

Small Group and Interpersonal Division, Central States Communication Association, Program  
Chair

Assistant to Dawn Braithwaite, NCA President

**Service to the University of Missouri System**

**2020**

Convener, Strategic Investment Program Tier 3 Board Social and Behavioral Sciences  
subcommittee

**2019**

Strategic Investment Program Tier 3 Board Planning Committee

**Service to the University of Missouri Columbia Campus**

**2022**

Arts and Science Alumni Awards Committee

**2021**

Judge for Mizzou Abroad Photo Contest, International Center

AAU PhD Education Initiative Team Leader for Social Science/Department of Communication

**2020**

Research Council Grant proposal review

AAU PhD Education Initiative Team Leader for Social Science/Department of Communication  
College of Arts and Science Dismissal Committee

**2019**

AAU PhD Education Initiative Team Leader for Social Science/Department of Communication  
College of Arts and Science Dismissal Committee  
3 Minute Thesis guest judge for Graduate School  
University of Missouri System Strategic Investment Program Tier 3 Advisory Committee  
RAF Grant Review for Department of Human Development and Family Science  
AAU PhD Education Initiative Pilot Cohort Proposal Application  
Committee Member, Arts and Science Academic Appeals Committee

**2018**

Interdisciplinary Family Research Group  
College of Arts and Science Dismissal Committee  
Committee Member, Arts and Science Academic Appeals Committee

**2017**

College of Arts and Science Dismissal Committee  
Reviewer, Research Board Peer Review  
Committee Member, Arts and Science Academic Appeals Committee  
Planning Committee Member, Life Science Symposium

**2016**

Committee Member, Arts and Science Academic Appeals Committee  
Committee Member, College of Arts and Science Diversity Committee Planning Committee  
Member, Life Science Symposium

**2015**

Committee Member, College of Arts and Science Diversity Committee  
Co-Facilitator, Freshman Interest Group

**2014**

Co-Facilitator, Freshman Interest Group

**2013**

Co-Facilitator, Freshman Interest Group  
Planning Committee Member, Life Science Symposium

**2012**

Judge, Undergraduate Research Fair  
Planning Committee Member, Life Science Symposium

**Service to the University of Missouri Department of Communication**

**2022**

Research Committee



Policy Committee  
Personnel Committee  
Program Director for the Communication and Culture study abroad  
program, Siena, Italy

**2021**

Research Committee (Chair)  
Policy Committee  
Graduate Curriculum Committee  
Graduate Committee  
Personnel Committee  
Program Director for the Communication and Culture study abroad program, Siena, Italy

**2020**

Faculty Awards Committee  
Research Committee  
Policy Committee

**2019**

Search Committee for Identity, Diversity, and Equity Hire (Co-Chair)  
Graduate Curriculum Committee (Chair)  
Graduate Committee (Chair)  
Personnel Committee

**2018**

Graduate Committee (Chair)  
Graduate Curriculum Committee (Chair)  
Identity, Diversity, and Communication Area Planning Committee (Chair)  
Institute of Family Diversity and Communication (Co-Director)  
Assistant Program Director for the Communication and Culture study abroad program, Siena,  
Italy  
Personnel Committee

**2017**

Research Committee

**2016**

Presenter for Graduate Student Brown Bag on Conference Attendance  
Candidate Search Committee (Chair)  
Graduate Committee  
Research Committee

**2015**

Candidate Search Committee (Chair)  
Verser Award Committee  
Research Committee  
Presenter for Graduate Teaching Training for Public Speaking

Presenter for Graduate Student Brown Bag on Dissertation Writing

**2014**

Research Committee

Faculty Awards Committee

Loren Reid Lecture Planning Committee

**2013**

Research Committee

Graduate Admissions Committee

**2012**

Presenter for Department Colloquium “The Job Interview Process”

Graduate Admissions Committee

**2011**

Presenter for Department Colloquium “The Job Interview Process”

**Public Service**

Panel member for the Child Care and Early Education Roundtable Discussion with Chelsea Clinton, UCP Child Development Center, March 14, 2016

**Professional Memberships**

Member, International Conference for Adoption Research

Member, National Council on Family Relations

Member, International Communication Association

Member, National Communication Association

*Updated November 2022*