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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE Department of Communication Studies Advisor: Jordan Soliz	2011
M.A.	Wake Forest University Department of Communication Advisor: Marina Krcmar	2007
B.A.	Cedarville University Department of Communication Arts	2004

EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Missouri

Associate Professor, Department of Communication (2017-present)
Affiliate Faculty, Department of Human Development and Family Studies (2014-present)
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication (2011-2017)

University of Nebraska

Graduate Teaching Assistant - Department of Communication Studies (2007-2011)

Wake Forest University

Graduate Teaching Assistant - Department of Communication (2005-2007)

Cedarville University

Online Instructor (2004-2006)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Communication (2017-present)

Co-Director, Institute of Family Diversity and Communication (2013-present)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

Grants and Fellowships

National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) grant (in progress).

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

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

University of Missouri College of Arts and Science Fellowship. (2015). \$5000. Awarded to top 25% of faculty in the college.

University of Arkansas SEC Visiting Faculty Travel Grant. (2013). "Online Communication in Adoption Relationships." With Webb, L. M., Amason, P., & Hesse, C. Funded, \$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). Project not funded.

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

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

University of Missouri Research Council Grant. (2012). "Assessing Agency Perspectives on Open Adoption Communication in Adoptive and Birth Family Relationships." Funded, \$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." Funded, \$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. Funded, \$1000.

Journal Articles (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

- 21 *Nelson, L. R. & **Colaner**, C. W. (in press). Fostering "family": Communication orientations in the foster parent-child relationship. *Western Journal of Communication*.
- 20 Horstman, H., Schrodt, 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.
- 19 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. doi:10.1080/15267431.2018.1429444
- 18 Nelson, L. R., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2018). Blending cultures: Communicatively negotiating divergent racial identities in visibly adoptive families. *Journal of Family Communication*, 18, 51-67. doi: 10.1080/15267431.2017.1396987
- 17 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(4), 393-415.
- 16 **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
- 15 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*. Advanced online publication. doi: 10.1080/10510974.2017.1324890
- 14 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

- 13 **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
- 12 *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
- 11 *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
- 10 **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
- 9 **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
- 8 **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
- 7 **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
- 6 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
- 5 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
- 4 **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

- 3 **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
- 2 **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
- 1 **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

- 6 Colaner, C. W., Horstman, H., & *Butauski, M. (Forthcoming). Sustaining and draining? Adoptive mothers' enactment of rituals in open adoption relationships. In Miller-Day, M. & Alford, A. (Eds.), *Constructing Motherhood and Daughterhood: Communicating Across Generations*. New York: Peter Lang.
- 5 Colaner, C. W. (2018). Adoption as permanent liminality: Adoption experiences and cultural parenting values. In T. Carson (Ed.) *Neither here nor there: The many voices of liminality*. Cambridge: The Lutterworth Press.
- 4 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 (2nd Ed)*. New York: Routledge.
- 3 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). New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.
- 2 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). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- 1 Galvin, K., & **Colaner, C.** (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). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Other Publications

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

- 3 Galvin, K., & **Colaner, C. W.** (2015). Communication in adoptive families. In C. Berger & M. Roloff (Eds.), *International encyclopedia of Interpersonal Communication*. Hoboken,

NJ: WileyBlackwell. doi: 10.1002/9781118540190.wbeic078. Retrieved from <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118540190.wbeic078/>.

- 2 **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). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781452286143>
- 1 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). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Manuscripts In Progress

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

Colaner, C., *Bish, A., *Butaski, M., *Hays, A., Horstman, H., & Nelson, L. R. (revise and resubmit). Managing private information in open adoption relationships: The role of face-to-face and mediated communication. *Communication Research*.

Colaner, C., Horstman, H., *Hays, A., & *Nelson, L. R. (in progress). Standards for communication in open adoption relationships: Unmet expectations and relational solidarity.

Competitive Papers and Conference Presentations

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

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., *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., Schrodtt, 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

- “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)
- 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).
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TRAININGS/ONGOING EDUCATION

Tree of Life Narrative Therapy and Research Technique	July 2018
Triple P Boone County Early Childhood Coalition	October 2018
Rudd Adoption Research Scholar Rudd Summer Adoption Research Institute	May 2017
RESPOND University of Missouri	May 2017
Trained Gottman Leader The Gottman Institute <i>Bringing Baby Home</i> <i>7 Principles for Making Marriage Work</i>	October 2016

TEACHING

Graduate Seminars

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 2021)
Natilie Williams (PhD, expected May 2022)
Amnee Ekhalid (PhD, expected May 2022)
Ellen Jordan (PhD, expected May 2023)

Completed Advisees

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, May 2023)
Emily Charvat (MA, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, April 2020)
Christopher Odudu (PhD, Department of Psychology, May 2021)
Lauren Johnsen (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2020)
Darvelle Hutchins (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2021)

Committees Completed

Christopher Odudu (MA, Department of Psychology, May 2018)
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

Children Communication Research Team: Katherine Dolan, Molly Magnusen, Samantha Miller, Hailey Swanson
 Ashlee Reece, selected for the Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program (Summer 2012)

Invited Lectures

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

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

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

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

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

SERVICE

Disciplinary Service

2019	<i>Management Communication Quarterly</i> , Invited Reviewer
2019	<i>Journal of Applied Communication Research</i> , Invited Reviewer
2019	CSCA Task Force on Family Inclusion focus group participation
2014-present	<i>Western Journal of Communication</i> , Editorial Board

2014-present	<i>Journal of Family Communication</i> , Editorial Board
2018-present	<i>Southern Communication Journal</i> , Editorial Board
2018	<i>Afromontane Research Unit (UFS) Grant Programme</i> , Invited Reviewer
2018	<i>Adoption Quarterly</i> , Invited Reviewer
2017	<i>Journal of Applied Communication Research</i> , Invited Reviewer
2017	<i>Communication Research</i> , Invited Reviewer
2016	<i>Journal of Family Communication</i> , Editor Selection Committee
2016	<i>Communication Quarterly</i> , Invited Reviewer
2016	<i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i> , Invited Reviewer
2016	<i>Communication Teacher</i> , Editorial Board for special issue
2015	<i>Communication Monographs</i> , Invited Reviewer
2015	<i>Journal of GLBT Family Studies</i> , Invited Reviewer
2012	<i>Adoption Quarterly</i> , Invited Reviewer
2012	<i>Journal of Applied Communication Research</i> , Invited Reviewer
2011-2013	New professional and graduate student representative, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association
2011-present	<i>Human Communication Research</i> , Invited Reviewer
2011-2014	<i>Journal of Family Communication</i> , Invited Reviewer
2011-present	<i>Sex Roles</i> , Invited Reviewer
2012	Reviewer, 2 nd Vice President Panels, National Communication Association
2011	Faculty Consultant, Adoptive Parent Communication Project, CC160 Interpersonal Communication, Emerson University
2011	Organization for Research on Women and Communication Research, Grant Reviewer Development

- 2011 Family Communication Division, National Communication Association, Paper reviewer
- 2010 Small Group and Interpersonal Division, Central States Communication Association, Paper Reviewer
- 2010 Scholar to Scholar, National Communication Association, Session organizer
- 2008-2010 Assistant to Dawn Braithwaite, NCA President
- 2008 Small Group and Interpersonal Division, Central States Communication Association, Program Chair,

University Service

- 2019 RAF Grant Review for Department of Human Development and Family Science
- 2019 AAU PhD Education Initiative Pilot Cohort Proposal Application
- 2018 Interdisciplinary Family Research Group
- 2017-present College of Arts and Science Dismissal Committee
- 2017 Reviewer, Research Board Peer Review
- 2016-2019 Committee Member, Arts and Science Academic Appeals Committee
- 2016-2017 Planning Committee Member, Life Science Symposium
- 2015-2016 Committee Member, College of Arts and Science Diversity Committee
- 2011-present Faculty Fellow, Center for Family Policy and Research
- 2013-2015 Co-Facilitator, Freshman Interest Group
- 2012-2013 Planning Committee Member, Life Science Symposium
- 2012 Judge, Undergraduate Research Fair

Departmental Service

- 2018 Graduate Committee (Chair)

2018	Graduate Curriculum Committee (Chair)
2018	Identity, Diversity, and Communication Area Planning Committee (Chair)
2018	Institute of Family Diversity and Communication (Co-Director)
2018	Assistant Program Director for the Communication and Culture study abroad program, Siena, Italy
2018	Personal Committee
2016-2017	Research Committee member
2016	Presenter for Graduate Student Brown Bag on Conference Attendance
2016	Chair, Candidate Search Committee
2015-2016	Graduate Committee member
2015-2016	Research Committee member
2015	Chair, Candidate Search Committee
2015	Presenter for Graduate Teaching Training for Public Speaking
2015	Presenter for Graduate Student Brown Bag on Dissertation Writing
2014-2015	Verser Award Committee member
2014-2015	Research Committee member
2014	Course Mentor, COMMUN 4520 Family Communication, Danielle Poynter
2013-2014	Research Committee member
2013-2014	Faculty Awards Committee member
2013-2014	Loren Reid Lecture Planning Committee member
2013	Faculty Leader, New Scholar Pre-Conference, International Association of Relationship Research
2013	Course Mentor, COMMUN 4520 Family Communication, Kristina Wenzel

- 2012-2013 Research Committee member
- 2012-2013 Graduate Admissions Committee member
- 2012 Presenter for Department Colloquium “The Job Interview Process” with
Dr. Mitchell McKinney
- 2012 Course Mentor, COMMUN 3571 Group Decision Making Processes,
Elaine Davies
- 2012 Course Mentor, COMMUN 3651 Relational Communication, Candy
Noltensmeyer
- 2011-2012 Graduate Admissions Committee member
- 2011 Presenter for Department Colloquium “The Job Interview Process” with
Dr. Mitchell McKinney

Public Service

Adoption consulting for prospective adoptive parents

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 Communication Association
Member, National Communication Association
Member, International Association for Relationship Research
Member, Central States Communication Association
Member, Organization for Research on Women and Communication

AWARDS AND HONORS

Top four paper (with Bish, Butaski, Hays, Horstman, & Nelson), Family Communication Division, National Communication Association, 2017
Managing private information in open adoption relationships: The role of face-to-face and mediated communication

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

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

University of Missouri College of Arts and Science Fellowship, 2015

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

An exploration of discourse dependency in identity construction in families with a child on the Autism spectrum: Discursive trials, tribulations, and triumphs

Top panel, Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Division, Central States Communication Association, 2014

Obstacles and Opportunities: Family Communication, Life-Cycle Transitions, and Turbulence

University of Missouri Summer Research Fellowship, 2012

Fellowship granted by the University to professors to support research, selected by the University

Lambda Pi Eta Honorary Membership, University of Missouri, 2012

Selected by undergraduate students in recognition of teaching

Recipient of the University of Nebraska Graduate Fellowship 2010

Top fellowship granted by the University to doctoral students, selected by the University

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

How close is too close? Examining teachers' self-disclosure and student engagement

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

"Forever kind of wondering": Communicatively managing uncertainty in adoptive families

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

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

Doctoral Honors Seminar selectee, National Communication Association, 2009

Engaging adoptees in current and future scholarship: A proposal to investigate the formation of an integrated adoptive identity.

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

'Tell me again how you found me': A proposal to explore associations between adopted children's entrance stories, child well-being, and family health

Top student paper in the Interpersonal and Small Group Division of the Central States Communication Association, Madison, WI, 2008.

Exploring the communication of Evangelical families: The impact of Evangelical gender role ideology on family communication patterns

Recipient of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Centennial Fellowship 2007

Top fellowship granted by the Communication Studies Department to incoming graduate students, selected by the Communication Studies Department

DePauw University Undergraduate Honors Conference selectee, 2000

The effect of egalitarianism and complementarian sex role attitudes on career and home aspirations in female undergraduate college students

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