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### 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

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### APPOINTMENTS

**Associate Professor**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2017-present)

**Associate Editor**, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, (2020-present)

**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)

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

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

**Affiliate Faculty**, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Missouri (2014-present)

**Associate Chair**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2017-2020)

**Director of Graduate Studies**, Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2017-2020)

**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)

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### GRANT ACTIVITY

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 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.**

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## **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

### Books

Braithwaite, D., Schrodt, P., Galvin, K., & **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 (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

- 26 **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*.
- 25 **Colaner**, C. W., \*Bish, A., \*Butaski, M., \*Hays, A., Horstman, H., & Nelson, L. R. (2021). Managing private information in open adoption relationships: The role of face-to-face and mediated communication. *Communication Research*.
- 24 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*.
- 23 McQuillan, J, Greil, A. L., Rybinska, A., Tiemeyer, S., Shreffler, K., & **Colaner**, C. W. (2020). Is a dyadic stressor experienced as equally distressing by both partners? The case of perceived fertility problems. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- 22 Warner, B., **Colaner**, C. W., \*Park, J. (2020). Political difference and polarization in the family: The role of (non)accommodating communication for navigating identity

differences. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

- 21 \*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.
- 20 Horstman, H., Schrod, 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). 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
- 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, 393-415. doi: 10.1080/10570314.2017.1384564
- 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*, 68, 296-313.
- 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**

- 12 **Colaner**, C. W., Horstman, H. (forthcoming). Adoptive and foster families. In A. Vangelisti (Ed., 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) *Routledge handbook of family communication*. Routledge.
- 11 **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). New York: Peter Lang.
- 10 **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). New York: Peter Lang.
- 9 **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). New York: Peter Lang.
- 8 **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). Cambridge: The Lutterworth Press.
- 7 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)*. New York: Routledge.
- 6 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.
- 5 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.
- 4 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/>.
- 3 **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>

- 2 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). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- 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**

\*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

Hernandez, R. & **Colaner**, C. W. (revise and resubmit). “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*.

**Colaner**, C. W., \*\*Dolan, K., \*\*Magnusen, M., \*\*Miller, S., & \*\*Swanson, H. (revise and resubmit). In their own words and worlds: Considering children’s perspectives of family relationships and communication. *Journal of Family Communication*.

### **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

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 to be 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., 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**

*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).

*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)

*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).

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

### 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 <i>Bringing Baby Home</i> <i>7 Principles for Making Marriage Work</i>	October 2016

### **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)  
Natalie Williams (PhD, expected May 2022)  
Amnee Ekhalid (PhD, expected May 2022)  
Ellen Jordan (PhD, expected May 2023)  
Jana Hockersmith (PhD, expected May 2024)  
Xavier Scruggs (PhD, expected 2024)

### **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)  
Emily Charvat (PhD, Department of Human Development and Family Studies)  
Lauren Johnsen (PhD, Department of Communication)  
Shaye Morrison (PhD, Department of Communication)

### **Committees Completed**

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, Department of Psychology, May 2018; PhD, Department of Psychology, May 2021)  
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**

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 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

### **Ongoing Teaching Education**

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

**Service to the Communication Discipline**

2021	<i>Journal of Family Psychology</i> , Invited Reviewer June 7, 2021
	<i>Communication Monographs</i> , Invited Reviewer March 18, 2021
2020	<i>Journal of Family Social Work</i> , Invited Reviewer October 5, 2020
2020	<i>Communication Research</i> , Invited Reviewer July 2, 2020
2020	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Social and Personal Relationships</i>
2019	<i>Child &amp; Family Social Work</i> , Invited Reviewer
2019	<i>Communication Monographs</i> , Invited Reviewer
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
2014-2020	<i>Western Journal of Communication</i> , Editorial Board
2014-present	<i>Journal of Family Communication</i> , Editorial Board June 23, 2020
2018-present	<i>Southern Communication Journal</i> , Editorial Board June 22, 2020
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 *Journal of Marriage and Family*, Invited Reviewer
- 2016 *Communication Teacher*, Editorial Board for special issue
- 2015 *Communication Monographs*, Invited Reviewer
- 2015 *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, Invited Reviewer
- 2012 *Adoption Quarterly*, Invited Reviewer
- 2012 *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer
- 2011-2013 New professional and graduate student representative, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association
- 2011-present *Human Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer
- 2011-2014 *Journal of Family Communication*, Invited Reviewer
- 2011-present *Sex Roles*, Invited Reviewer
- 2012 Reviewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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,

### **Service to the University of Missouri System**

- 2020 Convener, Strategic Investment Program Tier 3 Board Social and

Behavioral Sciences subcommittee

2019-2020 Strategic Investment Program Tier 3 Board Planning Committee

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

2020 Research Council Grant proposal review

2019-present AAU PhD Education Initiative Team Leader for Social Science/Department of Communication

2019 3 Minute Thesis guest judge for Graduate School

2019 University of Missouri System Strategic Investment Program Tier 3 Advisory Committee

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

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

2020 Faculty Awards Committee

2020 Research Committee

2020	Policy Committee
2017-2020	Director of Graduate Studies
2019	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Identity, Diversity, and Equity Hire
2018, 2019	Graduate Committee (Chair)
2018, 2019	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, 2019	Personnel 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**

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

### **Professional Memberships**

Member, National Council on Family Relations  
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

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