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Education

- Ph.D. Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, 2016 Research: Media psychology, social relationships, diversity, health communication
- M.A. Communication, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, 2010
- B.A. Communication, Psychology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, 2008

Professional Academic Experience

Associate Professor, University of Missouri, Department of Communication, 2022-*present.* Assistant Professor, University of Missouri, Department of Communication, 2016–2022. Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication, University of Illinois, 2008–2016.

Publications: Refereed Journal Articles

- **Riles, J.M.**, Davis, W.M. & Cen, X. (2024). The disparate prosocial implications of ongoing entertainment health media exposure: A multi-malady stigma communication comparison. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*. Advanced online publication.
- Roscoe, R. A., Riles, J. M., & Schroeder, M. (2024). Veterans' Exposure to News Portrayals of Military-Related Posttraumatic Stress and Support for Government Health Interventions: Influences of Stigma and Halo Communication. *Journal of Health Communication*, 29(5), 319-326.
- **Riles, J.M.**, Adams, K., & Davis, W. (2023). Culpability framing influences on community support for those managing illness: A multi-malady comparison of mediated health stigma. *Health Communication*. Advanced Online Publication.
- **Riles, J. M.**, Ramasubramanian, S., & Behm-Morawitz, E. (2022). Theory development and evaluation within a critical media effects framework: An intersectional identity approach to media psychology. *Journal of Media Psychology: Theories, Methods, and Applications*, *34*(2), 101-112.
- Wiemer, E. C., Riles, J. M., & Tewksbury, D. (2022). Artists and attributions: How music platform implementation affects parasocial experiences and support intentions. *Journal* of Broadcasting & Electronic Media, 66(2), 300-319.
- **Riles, J.M.**, Miller, B., Funk, M., & Morrow, E. (2021). The modern character of mental health stigma: A 30-Year examination of popular film. *Communication Studies*, 72(4), 668-683.
- **Riles, J.M.**, Funk, M., Miller, B., & Morrow, E. (2021). An inclination for intimacy: Depictions of mental health and interpersonal interaction in popular film. *International Journal of Communication, 15* (2021), 2260-2280.
- Fox, J., Pearce, K.E., Massanari, A.L., Riles, J.M., Szulc, Ł., Ranjit, Y.S., Trevisan, F., Soriano, C.R.R., Vitak, J., Arora, P., Ahn, S.J., Alper, M., Gambino, A., Gonzalez, C., Lynch, T.L., Williamson, L. D., & Gonzales, A.L. (2021). Open science, closed doors? Countering marginalization through an agenda for ethical, inclusive research in Communication. *Journal of Communication*, *71*(5), 764-784.

- **Riles, J.M.**, & Adams, K. (2021). Me, myself, and my mediated ties: Parasocial experiences as an ego-driven process. *Media Psychology*, *24*(6), 792-813.
- Davis, W. & **Riles**, **J.M.** (2020). Grappling with Race: The performance of identity in prizefighting promotion. *Communication & Sport*. Advanced Online Access.
- **Riles, J.M.** (2020). The social effect of exposure to mental illness media portrayals: Influencing interpersonal interaction intentions. *Psychology of Popular Media Culture, 9*(2), 145-154.
- **Riles, J.M.**, Behm-Morawitz, E., Shin, H., Funk, M. (2020) The effect of news peril-type on social inclinations: A social group comparison. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly.* 97(3), 721-742.
- **Riles, J.M.**, Funk, M., & Davis, W. (2019). Positive exposure to Muslims and perceptions of a disdainful public: A model of mediated social dissent. *Communication Monographs*, *86*(3), 292-312.
- **Riles, J.M.**, Pilny, A., & Tewksbury, D. (2018). Media fragmentation in the context of bounded social networks: How far can it go? *New Media & Society*, *20*(4), 1415-1432.
- **Riles, J.M.**, Varava, K., Pilny, A., & Tewksbury, D. (2018). Representations of interpersonal interactions and race/ethnicity: An examination of prime-time network television. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media, 62*(2), 302-319.
- Quintero Johnson, J.M., & **Riles, J.M.** (2018) 'He acted like a crazy person': Exploring the relationships among retrospective exposure to stereotypic depictions of mentally ill media characters, attitudes, and beliefs about mental illness. *Psychology of Popular Media Culture* 7(2), 146-163.
- LaVoie, N., Quick, B., **Riles, J.M.**, & White, N. (2017). Graphic cigarette warning labels: An examination of psychological reactance and source appraisal. *Communication Research*. 44(3), 416-436.
- **Riles, J. M.**, Sangalang, A., Hurley, R.J., & Tewksbury, D. (2015). Framing cancer for online news: Implications for popular perceptions of cancer. *Journal of Communication*, 65(6), 1018-1040.
- Tewksbury, D., & **Riles, J. M.** (2015). Polarization as a function of citizen predispositions and exposure to news on the Internet. *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*, 59(3), 381-398.
- Pilny, A., Atouba, Y, & Riles, J.M. (2014). How do SMOs create moral resources? The roles of media visibility, networks, activism, and political capacity. *Western Journal of Communication.* 78(3), 358-377.
- Hurley, R.J., Riles, J. M., & Sangalang, A. (2014). Online cancer news: Trends regarding article types, specific cancers, and the cancer continuum. *Health Communication*, 29(1), 41-50.

Publications: Book Chapters

- Riles, J. M., Olajire, A., & Josey, C. S. (2024). Psychological distress, addiction, and unique ties to Blackness: An overview of representations highlighting the intersection of race and mental health. In Dixon, T.L., & Mastro, D. (Eds.). US Media and Diversity, 59-80. Routledge: New York, NY.
- Josey, C. S., Cen, X., & **Riles, J. M.** (2024). Making the model: How news media perpetuate harmful model minority stereotypes of Asian Americans. In US Media and Diversity (pp.

21-41). Routledge: New York, NY.

- Ramasubramanian, S., Riles, J.M., Banjo, O. (2024). Culture counts: Quantitative approaches to critical intercultural communication. In Nakayama, T. K., Halualani, R. T. (Eds.) Handbook of critical intercultural communication. Wiley-Blackwell: Hoboken, NJ.
- Pilny, A., & **Riles, J.M.** (2023). Groups as systems. In T. Reimer, Park, E.S., & Bonito, J. A. (Eds.) *Group communication: An advanced introduction.* Routledge: New York, NY.
- Riles, J.M., & Adams, K. (2023). Parasocial experiences as a function of racial and ethnic identity. In Forster, R. (Ed.) *Handbook of parasocial experiences*. Oxford University Press: Oxford, U.K.
- Figueroa-Caballero, A., & Riles, J. M. (2022). Partisan motivations for news use: Implications for threat perceptions during the 2020 US election. In Warner, B. R., Bystrom, D.G., McKinney, M.S., & Banwart, M.C. (Eds.) *Democracy Disrupted: Communication in the Volatile 2020 Presidential Election* (pp. 57-75). ABC-CLIO: Santa Barabara, CA.
- Pilny, A., McAninch, K., & Riles, J.M. (2022). Quantitative data analysis software (SPSS, SAS, R, Python, STATA). In E. Ho, C. Bylund, & J. van Weert (Eds.) International Encyclopedia of Health Communication.
- Tewksbury, D., & Riles, J.M. (2018). Framing in an interactive news environment. In P Angelo (Ed.) Doing news framing analysis 2: Empirical and theoretical perspectives (pp. 177-202). Routledge: New York, NY

Grant Experience

- Summer Research Exposure Program (2024). Provides faculty and an early career undergraduate student with funds to support getting the student acquainted with research central to the faculty member's area of inquiry (\$4,000).
- Summer Research Exposure Program (2023). Provides faculty and an early career undergraduate student with funds to support getting the student acquainted with research central to the faculty member's area of inquiry (\$4,000).
- Arts & Science Honors (ASH) Grant. (2022-*present*). Awarded to University of Missouri faculty working with undergraduate students on research. Our team has funded more than a dozen different undergraduates students with several thousand dollars per year to engage in research (\$110,000).
- Richard Wallace Faculty Incentive Grant (2019). Awarded to faculty on the University of Missouri campus to support to support research collaboration with students (\$4000).
- Inclusivity, Diversity & Equity Excellence Grant (2019). Awarded to faculty on the University of Missouri campus to support research with inclusion, diversity and/or equity implications (\$7000).
- Research Council Grant (2017). Awarded to faculty on the University of Missouri campus to support early career research projects (\$3050).
- Richard Wallace Faculty Incentive Grant (2016). Awarded to faculty on the University of Missouri campus to support to support research collaboration with students (\$3650).

Conferences

Josey, C., **Riles, J.M.**, Smith, T., Tate, C., Johnson, T. & Khadar, S. (2024, November). *Are* safe spaces truly safe: A longitudinal look at social identity news and gender. Paper to

be presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

- Cen, X. & **Riles, J.M.** (2024, June). Imagined intergroup contact with model minorities. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Gold Coast, Australia.
- Ramasubramanian, S., Burth, S., Bhatti, S.J., McMillian, M., Riles, J.M., Behm-Morawitz, E., Yin, M. (2024, June). *The role of media literacy and identities in youth civic engagement and media activism.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Gold Coast, Australia.
- Xu, M., Li, F., Riles, J.M., (2024, February). Mediatized distribution channels and the transformational marketing landscape of livestreaming. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Marketing Association Winter Academic Conference, St. Pete's Beach, FL.
- Roscoe, R., **Riles, J.M.**, Schroeder, M. (2023, November). *News media portrayals of militaryrelated posttraumatic stress: Influences of stigma and halo communication on support for government health interventions.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, National Harbor, MD.
- Josey, C., **Riles, J.M.**, Ford, B., Henderson, R., Tate, C., Smith, T., Khadar, S., Johnson, T., Domingues, C., Morris, M., Cox, D. (2023, November). *Social identity and safe spaces: How identity focused news outlets provide respite from harmful stereotypes of the Latinx community and the net benefit it provides for them.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, National Harbor, MD.
- Riles, J.M., Olajire, A., & Josey, C. (2023, April) *Mental illness, addiction, and unique ties to Blackness: An overview of representations of the intersection between race and mental health identity.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Broadcast Education Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Josey, C., Cen, X., & **Riles, J.M.** (2023, April) *Making the model: How news media perpetuate harmful model minority stereotypes of Asian Americans*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Broadcast Education Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Schlaker, A. & **Riles, J.M.** (2022, April) *Examining the influences of cultural and social identity on patterns in film review*. Poster presented at the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium of the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- Davis,W. & **Riles, J.M**. (2021, November). *Framing culpability in news about sexually transmitted diseases and racialized health disparity social outcomes.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Riles, J., Davis, W., & Cen, X. (2021, May). *The disparate influences of chronic entertainment health media exposure: A multi-malady stigma communication comparison.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Denver CO (Virtual).
- Ramasubramanian, S., **Riles, J.**, Riewestahl, E., & Behm-Morawitz, E. (2020, November). *Media identity crossroads: How intersectionality and multiple stigmatizing identities influence media activism.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN (Virtual).
- Riles, J., & Davis, W. (2020, April). Framing the communication of online health stigma: A multi-

malady comparison. Poster presented at the biannual meeting of the Kentucky Conference on Health Communication.

- **Riles, J.**, Miller, B., Funk, M., & Morrow, E. (2019, November). *The modern character of mental health: A 30-Year examination of popular film.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.
- **Riles, J.**, Funk, M., Miller, B., & Morrow, E. (2019, November). *Inclinations toward intimacy: Mental health and interpersonal interaction in popular film.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Davis, W. & **Riles, J**. (2019, November). *Race and aggression: A content analysis on the world of prizefighting.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Adams, K. & **Riles, J**. (2019, November). *Abstract parasocial contact: Using X-Men superheroes to reduce prejudice, stigma, and social distance.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.
- **Riles, J**., & Adams, K. (2019, May). *Me, myself, and my mediated ties: Parasocial experiences as an ego-driven process.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Washington D.C.
- Sangalang, A., Riles, J., Hurley, R., Hackworth, F., Westberg, N., Roberson, O., Wenderski, J., & Howle, E. (2019, May). *Identifying stigma cues in network television content: Implications for stigma reduction strategies.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Washington D.C.
- **Riles, J**., Behm-Morawitz, E., Shin, H., Funk, M. (2018, November) *The effect of news peril-type on social inclinations: A social group comparison.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Riles, J. (2017, November) Exploring the impact of media consumption on interpersonal interaction intentions: An examination of the social effects of exposure to mental illness. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX.
- **Riles, J**., Funk, M., & Davis, W. (2017, November) *Positive exposure to Muslims and perceptions of a disdainful public: A model of mediated social dissent.* Paper presented at the annual

meeting of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX.

- **Riles, J**., Wiemer, E., & Tewksbury, D. (2017, May) *To be a fan and a friend: A balance model of mediated and interpersonal relationships.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- **Riles, J**., Wiemer, E., & Tewksbury, D. (2016, November) *Reconciling knowledge and opinions gaps: Building a unified model of cognitive cleavages.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wiemer, E., Riles, J., & Tewksbury, D. (2016, November) Artist attributions and fan support: The role of parasocial perceptions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA
- **Riles, J.**, Varava, K., Pilny, A., & Tewksbury, D. (2015, November) *The mediated portrayal of race and interpersonal interaction: An analysis of prime-time network television.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Las

Vegas, NV.

- **Riles, J.**, Pilny, A., Tewksbury, D. (2015, November) *Media fragmentation in the context of bounded social networks: How far can it go?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Riles, J., Varava, K., Pilny, A., & Tewksbury, D. (2015, July) The mediated portrayal of gender and interpersonal interaction: An analysis of prime-time network television.
 Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Media and Communication Research, Montreal, Canada.
- **Riles, J**., Sangalang, A., Hurley, R., & Tewksbury, D. (2014, May) *Framing cancer in online news: Implications for popular perceptions of cancer.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Seattle, Washington.
- **Riles, J**., & Tewksbury, D. (2014, May). *Online news fragmentation and the polarization of American political knowledge and opinion*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Seattle, Washington.
- LaVoie, N., Quick, B., **Riles, J.**, & White, N. (2014, April). *Graphic cigarette warning labels: An examination of psychological reactance and source appraisal.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY.
- Sangalang, A., **Riles, J.**, Hurley, R., & Ford, E. (2013, November). *The impact of news* aggregation on online cancer news from 2008 to 2012. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Washington D.C.
- Hurley, R., Riles, J., Sangalang, A., & Ford, E. (2013, June). Online cancer news: Trend differences between 2008 & 2012 internet-based cancer news. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, London, UK.
- Tewksbury, D., & **Riles J**., (2013, June). *Political polarization as a function of citizen predispositions and exposure to news on the internet.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, London, UK.

Invited Presentations and Workshops

- Invited Speaker (2023, April) *Communities of Communication: 75th Anniversary of the UIUC Department of Communication.* Invited by the department to be one of five guest speakers at my PhD alma mater's 75th departmental anniversary to share my ongoing research and get to know current faculty and graduate students. Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign.
- Panelist (2021, January) *Elections, Demonstrations, and Insurrections*. Invited to participate in panel for the Michael A. Middleton Center for Race, Citizenship, and Justice to discuss politics, images, media coverage, race, religion, and democracy as they relate to the invasion at The Capitol and the impact of the Georgia election results on the notion of citizenship in the United States. College of Arts & Science, University of Missouri.
- Invited Speaker (2021, January) *Media Marginalization Presentation.* Invited by the department chair (Dr. Brad Bond) to be a guest speaker for the University of San Diegoclass Media and the Marginalized. This invitation was to discuss theoretical techniquesfor enhancing the outgroup attitudes of media consumers after the class read one of myjournal articles in the area. University of San Diego.

- Panelist (2019, October) *Underrepresented in Academia: The Service Component.* Invited to participate in panel for graduate students about potentially problematic service role expectations for faculty of color and how to navigate them. Division of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity, University of Missouri.
- Panelist (2018, November) #Commsowhite but we knew that already: Reflections, thoughts, and strategies. Invited to participate in roundtable which features a diverse set of voices addressing the race-based hegemony in the field of communication, including an exchange with the audience regarding strategies to move the field forward. National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Invited Speaker (2017, May) *Digital Literacy Presentation.* Invited by the United Way to provide digital literacy education to non-governmental organizations with the goal of enhancing their ability to contact and communicate with their stakeholders and target communities. United Way. Columbia, MO.
- Invited Speaker (2017, March) *Media & Diversity Colloquium.* Invited to engage in a collaborative presentation demonstrating various strains of mediated communication research as it relates to diversity issues. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.
- Invited Speaker (2017, February) *Let's Talk: Opportunities in Communication.* Invited to deliver a lecture to the honors society, Lambda Pi Eta, about my research, as well as avenues for utilizing a degree in communication. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.
- Invited Speaker (2014, March) Interpersonal Interactions, Race, and Prime-time Broadcast Television. Invited to deliver a lecture to the advanced level Race and the Media course on televised portrayals of race and interpersonal interaction. Department of Communication, University of Illinois.
- Invited Speaker (2013, August) *Presentation Skills Colloquium.* Invited to deliver a seminar forthe Retreat for Graduate Women in Chemistry on skills for the public presentation of research. Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois.
- Invited Speaker (2011, February) *Presentation Skills Colloquium.* Invited to deliver a seminar to the Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism on skills for the public presentation of research. Department of Recreation, Sport and Tourism, University of Illinois.
- Invited Speaker (2010, August) *Presentation Skills Colloquium*. Invited to deliver a seminar to the Office of Admissions recruitment staff on skills for public speaking. Office of Admissions, University of Illinois.
- Invited Speaker (2010, March) *Communication Leaders Lecture*. Spoke to undergraduates abouthow to apply to graduate school and what to expect to succeed. Department of Communication, University of Illinois.
- Panelist (2010, March). *University of Illinois Graduate Student Welcome Weekend*. Served as aresource for incoming graduate students to learn about navigating their lives as instructors and students. Department of Communication, University of Illinois.
- Respondent (2008, July). *Summer Research Opportunities Program Oral Presentation Symposium.* Presentations of research by undergraduate psychology students. Universityof Illinois Graduate College.
- Panelist (2008, July) *Summer Pre-doctoral Institute Colloquium.* Presentations of current research by new graduate students and directions anticipated for future research. University of Illinois Graduate College.

Teaching Experience

Department of Communication, University of Missouri (2016 – present)
COMMUN 3422: Communication Research Methods
COMMUN 3490: Mediated Communication Theory and Effects
COMMUN 8140: Seminar in Content Analysis
COMMUN 8510: Mediated Communication Theory Seminar
COMMUN 9530: Topics in Mediated Communication: Media Use and Social Relationships Seminar
Teaching for Learning Center Teaching Design Workshop (Spring, 2019). Engaged in training, exercises, and critical thinking about pedagogy. Brainstormed ways to challenge critical and foundational assumptions that drive modern thinking about university learning now and in the future. University of Missouri.
Strategies for Creating & Grading Exams: Alignment & Assessment (Fall, 2016). Session

conducted by instructional designers and faculty affiliated with ET@MO of the Teaching and Learning Center. Sessions provided instruction regarding best practices for crafting exam items, evaluating responses, and managing situations in which students fail to perform as well as expected. University of Missouri.

Department of Fine & Applied Arts, Parkland College (2014-2016) COM 103: Introduction to Public Speaking

Department of Communication, University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign (2010-2016) CMN 326: Mass Media and the Audience CMN 277: Introduction to Mediated Communication (Large Lecture Instructor) CMN 102: Introduction to Communication Theory and Research CMN 101: Principles of Effective Public Speaking Assistant Course Director of CMN 101 (Fall 2010-Spring 2012) Peer Leader of CMN 101 (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)

Awards

- Outstanding Article Award (2023). For "Open science, closed doors? Countering marginalization through an agenda for ethical, inclusive research in communication" in *Communication Monographs*. Award honors a refereed journal article published in print during the previous two calendar years based on coherence of argument, quality of conceptual development, effective use of evidence, and promise to be influential over time. International Communication Association.
- Reviewer of the Year (2023). Inaugural recipient of an award meant to denote particularly quality engagement and timely feedback in the peer review process among all other peer reviewers for the journal. Communication Monographs.
- Mass Communication Division Teaching Award (2019). Award given annually by the division to an academic with a decade or more of teaching experience who has demonstrated elevated instructional abilities as evidenced by a wide variety of indicators (e.g., peer reviews, evaluations, teaching philosophy, prior awards, etc). Mass Communication

Division of the National Communication Association.

- Advisor of the Year (2019). Award given by the graduate student body to one faculty member in recognition of notable engagement and support pertaining to graduate student advising. Department of Communication at the University of Missouri.
- Ruth S. & Charles H. Bowman Award for Most Outstanding Graduate Student (2016). Award recognizes the most outstanding graduate student based on the student's total record of scholarship, teaching, and service. Department of Communication at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.
- Ruth Anne Clark Graduate Student Scholar Award (2014). Awarded to graduate students with a research proposal deemed to be high-quality, with potential implications for the future of communication research. Department of Communication at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.
- Campus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (2013). Awarded to five teaching assistants selected among the entire campus, per year, and requires first receiving a college level award. Office of the Provost at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (2013). Awarded to five teaching assistants selected amongst the entire College of LAS, per year. College of Liberal Art and Sciences at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign
- List of Teachers Ranked as Outstanding (for student evaluations in the top 10% campus- wide). Fall, 2008; Fall, 2009; Summer 2010; Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall, 2012.
- List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent (for student evaluations in the top 30% campus-wide). Spring, 2009; Spring 2010; Fall, 2011; Spring, 2012; Spring, 2013; Fall, 2013; Spring 2015; Fall, 2015; Spring, 2016.
- University of Illinois Graduate Teacher Certificate (Spring, 2010). Engaged in training exercises, workshops, and symposia regarding pedagogy. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Graduate College Fellowship (2008-2009). Provided tuition waiver and stipend during academic year. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.
- Summer Pre-doctoral Institute Fellowship (Summer 2008). University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.
- President's Award Program Scholarship (2004-2008). University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

Student Advisees & Committees

Advisor

Xu Cen (Ph.D., Department of Communication, 2024), Makenzie Schroeder (Ph.D., Department of Communication, with Dr. Benjamin Warner, 2026)

Kelly Adams (Ph.D., Department of Communication, 2021) – Completed, Warren Davis (Ph.D., Department of Communication, 2021) – Completed, Ethan Morrow (M.A., Department of Communication, 2020) – Completed, Warren Davis (M.A., Department of Communication, 2018) – Completed

Committee member

Kerry Townsend (Ph.D, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, 2023), Chandrika Collins (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2023) Rikki Roscoe (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2023) Yousef Alamer (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2024) Alaina Leverenz (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2024), Virgil Hayes (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2024), Esther Akheituame (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2026), Lindsey Vasquez (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2026), Ernest Eshun (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2026), Alyssa Coffey (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2026), Na Wang (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2026) Madison Axford (M.A., Journalism, 2023), Shari Bell (M.A., Journalism, 2021) Samuel Armetta (M.A., Journalism, 2023)

Joseph Hoffswell (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2017) – Completed, Haejung Shin (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2021) – Completed, Daphne Valerius (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2021) – Completed, Hessah Alhugbani (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2022) – Completed, Jihye Park (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2022) – Completed, Timothy Luisi (Ph.D, Department of Communication, 2022) – Completed, Mariia Gorshkova (M.A., Department of Russian Studies, 2018) – Completed Katie Cummings (M.A., Journalism, 2018) – Completed, Matthew Dulin (M.A., Journalism, 2018) – Completed Jodee Kenney (M.A., Journalism, 2018) – Completed Carla Phelan-Erdey (M.A., Journalism, 2018) – Completed Peter Huoppi (M.A., Journalism, 2019) – Completed,

Professional Service

- Postdoctoral Mentor (2024-*present*). Graduate School. Contributing to advising of a member of the Preparing Future Faculty for Inclusive Excellence postdoctoral program, as well as guest lecturing to other members of program. University of Missouri.
- Affiliate Faculty (2022-*present*). School of Journalism. Conducting research and teaching in conjunction with faulty and graduate students in the School of journalism. University of Missouri.
- Affiliate Faculty (2022-*present*). Honors College. Faculty mentor for the Honors College with including mentorship, honors program application evaluation, and working with undergraduate students on research. University of Missouri.
- Organizer (2022). A PLACE for Inclusivity in the Modern Media Landscape. Proposed an accepted conference paper panel, including recruiting a respondent and participants to submit manuscripts. National Communication Association (Seattle, WA)
- Chair (2017-*present*). Research Committee. Oversees department research efforts related to laboratory spaces, equipment availability, participant recruitment, as well as other functions that may arise. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Affiliate Faculty (2021-*present*). Faculty Affiliates Council. Internal advisory group of scholars to provide input to the Director / Co-Directors on Center programs and initiatives and to foster broad academic representation and a balance of perspectives within and across academic disciplines who work on issues of race, citizenship and justice and the intersectionality of these issues. Middleton Center for Race, Citizenship, and Justice. College of Arts & Science. University of Missouri
- Member (2021-*present*). Student Media Fee Advisory Board. Campus-level committee whose primary duties are to oversee the development and implementation of policies and procedures that guide student editors; training relating to news, advertising, production,

distribution, and the long-range planning across all areas of Student Media. University of Missouri.

- Faculty Mentor (2018-*present*) Serving as faculty representative for the university's Graduate Student Association, meeting with students to provide instruction on strategizing curriculum vita construction. University of Missouri.
- Member (2017-*present*). Graduate Committee. Responsible for overseeing graduate student admissions process, as well as tailoring departmental curricula and graduate student award details. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Member (2017-*present*). Research Committee. Responsible for overseeing department research efforts related to laboratory spaces, equipment availability, participant recruitment, as well as other functions that may arise. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Co-Director (2016-*present*). Media & Diversity Center. Inter-university coordinated effort formed with the aim of promoting discussion of media and diversity issues, research collaboration, mentorship, grant-funding, and community involvement. University of Missouri.
- Member (2019-2022). Student Fee Capital Improvements Committee. Campus-level committee whose primary duties are to advise the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs on the allocation of funds generated by the capital improvements portion of the student activities fee. University of Missouri.
- Member (2019-2022). Colloquium Committee. Responsible for identifying speakers for departmental colloquium series. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Co-Chair (2019-2022). Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Committee. Oversees committee, facilitating discussion and planning out future agenda. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Member (2018-2022). Student Publications Committee. Campus-level committee whose primary duties are to recommend to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs policies and regulations regarding the student news publication, the Maneater. University of Missouri.
- Interview Coach (2020) Preparing Future Faculty Program. Served as a resource to whom graduate students could conduct mock academic job interviews. Graduate School, University of Missouri.
- Member (2019-2020) Faculty Search Committee. Served as faculty representative on committee to hire assistant professor in identity and diversity communication. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.
- Member (2018-2019). Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Committee. Departmental committee which develops, monitors, and assesses department diversity mission and affirmative action/diversity priorities and activities. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Advisory Council (2018-2019). Teaching for Learning Steering Committee. Supports instructors at the University of Missouri by providing programs and partnering with campus departments currently offering forms of professional development and teaching assistance. University of Missouri.
- Member (2017-2018). Awards Committee. Responsible for identifying awards for which faculty in the department may be applicable and crafting the nominating packets. Department of

Communication. University of Missouri.

- Member (2017-2018) Faculty Search Committee. Served as faculty representative on committee to hire assistant professor in mediated communication. Department of Communication, University of Missouri.
- Conference Panel Chair and Organizer (2017). Examining the State and Impact of Diversity in the Modern Media Landscape. Proposed an accepted conference paper panel, recruited a respondent and participants to submit manuscripts, and served as panel chair. National Communication Association (Dallas, TX)
- Chair (2016-2018). Nominations Committee for the Mass Communication Division of NCA. Member of the Executive Committee of the Division who is in charge of facilitating officer elections, as well as soliciting and organizing nominations for various positions. National Communication Association.
- Member (2016-2017). Campus Committee on Faculty Responsibility. Convenes to review and make recommendations to the Provost and Chancellor regarding alleged cases of faculty irresponsibility not been resolved at the divisional level. University of Missouri.
- Member (2016-2017). Graduate Awards Committee. Responsible for evaluating applications for the Rebecca Verser and Michael Porter Awards, which allocate funds to graduate students for excellence in scholarship and conference travel. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Member (2016-2017). Ad Hoc Committee for Research Laboratory Renovations. Assessed research lab needs of department, consulted with information technology experts, and made recommendations about purchase options. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Member (2016-2017). Communication Committee. Crafted messaging pertaining to diversity and inclusion for use by department, college, and university. Department of Communication. University of Missouri.
- Conference Panel Chair (2017). Differences Between Media and Reality: Examining Race, Stereotypes, and Acceptance. Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association. Dallas, TX
- Communications Committee Member (2015). Graduate Employees Organization. Graduate student employee's union committee responsible for crafting messages, planning recruitment strategies, and maintaining an online presence for the organization. University of Illinois.
- Discussion Facilitator (2013). Provost Committee for the Campus Conversation on Undergraduate Education. Was selected to provide input, record notes, and facilitate discussion among graduate student and faculty members across the campus regarding goals to improve the undergraduate education experience for future students. Provost's Office. University of Illinois.
- Academic Research Mentor (2012-2013). Mentoring through Research and Practice Program. Guided students through research and aided them in the graduate school application writing process. Department of Communication. University of Illinois.
- Conference Panel Chair (2012). Audience-Journalists Relationships in Online News Production and Consumption. Mass Communication Division, International Communication Association. Phoenix, AZ.

- Faculty Search Committee Member (2013) Served as graduate student representative on committee to hire assistant professor in media effects. Department of Communication, University of Illinois.
- Faculty Search Committee Member (2012) Served as graduate student representative on committee to hire visiting assistant professor in media effects. Department of Communication, University of Illinois.
- Faculty Search Committee Member (2011) Served as graduate student representative on committee to hire assistant professor in new communication technologies. Department of Communication, University of Illinois.
- Faculty Search Committee Member (2011) Served as graduate student representative on committee to hire assistant professor in media effects. Department of Communication, University of Illinois.
- Co- President (2009-2010). Communication Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois.

Manuscript Review Service

Associate Editor (2023-present). Communication Monographs. Associate Editor (2023-present). Journal of Applied Communication Research. Associate Editor (2023-present). Frontiers in Psychology. Editorial Board Member (2024-present). Health Communication. Editorial Board Member (2023-present). Mass Communication & Society. Editorial Board Member (2021-2023). Communication Monographs. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2021-present). Psychology of Popular Media. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2020-present). Media Psychology. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2018-present). Motivation & Emotion. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2018-present). Mass Communication & Society. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2018-present). Communication Quarterly. Article Editor (2018). SAGE Open. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2018-present). Journal of Communication. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2018-present). Journal of Applied Communication Research. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2018-present). International Journal of Communication. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2017-present). Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2017-present). Popular Communication. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2017-present). Communication Monographs. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2017-present). Communication Reports. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2017-present). Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2017-present). Journal of Social Psychology. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2016-present). New Media and Society. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2016). Journal of Asian and African Studies. Ad-Hoc Reviewer (2015-present). Health Communication. Reviewer (2013-present). Mass Communication Division, International Communication Association Reviewer (2012-present). Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association.

Professional Membership

International Communication Association Mass Communication Division National Communication Association Mass Communication Division International Association for Media and Communication Research Gender and Communication Division American Psychological Association Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication