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### EDUCATION

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

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### 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

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

## RESEARCH

### Grants and Fellowships

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 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.

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

- 20 Horstman, H., Schrod, P., Warner, B. E., \*Hays, A., \*Maliski, R., Koerner, A., & **Colaner, C.W.** (in press). "Expanding the conceptual and empirical boundaries of family communication patterns: The development and validation of an expanded conformity orientation scale. *Communication Monographs*.
- 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*. [online publication first] 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. (2017). Adult adoptee family identification with birth and adoptive families: An application of the Common Ingroup Identity Model. *Western Journal of Communication*.
- 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**

- 5 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.
- 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

\*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

\*Nelson, L. R., & **Colaner**, C. W. (under review). Fostering “family”: How communication sustains and functions in foster families. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

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

**Colaner**, C. W., \*\*Dolan, K., \*\*Magnusen, M., \*\*Miller, S., & \*\*Swanson, H. (currently analyzing data). Children’s communication and perspective on family life.

**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

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

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

- Colaner, C.**, \*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 to be 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 to be 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**

*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**

Rudd Adoption Research Scholar  
Rudd Summer Adoption Research Institute May 2017

RESPOND  
University of Missouri May 2017

Trained Gottman Leader October 2016  
The Gottman Institute  
*Bringing Baby Home*  
*7 Principles for Making Marriage Work*

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## **TEACHING**

### **Graduate Seminars**

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**

Leslie Nelson (PhD, expected May 2017; completed MA April, 2014)  
Alyssa Bish (PhD, expected May 2019; MA, completed May 2017)  
Tucker Robinson (PhD, expected May 2020)  
LaShawdna Kilgore (PhD, expected May 2021)

### **Completed Advisees**

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)

### **Committees Completed**

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)

### **Current Committees**

Christopher Odudu (MA, Department of Psychology, May 2018)  
 Maria Butaski (PhD, Department of Communication, May 2019)

### **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**

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**

2017 *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer  
 2017 *Communication Research*, Invited Reviewer  
 2016 *Journal of Family Communication*, 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-present	<i>Communication Monographs</i> , Invited Reviewer
2015-present	<i>Journal of GLBT Family Studies</i> , Invited Reviewer
2014-present	<i>Western Journal of Communication</i> , Editorial Board
2014-present	<i>Journal of Family Communication</i> , Editorial Board
2012-present	<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 <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,

### **University Service**

2017 Reviewer, Research Board Peer Review

2016-2017 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**

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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