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Professional Appointments

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| 2015 – Present | Associate Professor, Communication Studies Department, West Virginia University |
| 2009 – 2015 | Assistant Professor, Communication Studies Department, West Virginia University |
| 2011 – Present | Faculty Associate, Center for Women's and Gender Studies at West Virginia University |
| 2006 – 2010 | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Communication Studies Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln |
| 2003 – 2005 | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Communication Studies Department, West Virginia University |

Education

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| 2009 | Ph.D., University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Primary Emphasis: Family and Interpersonal Communication
Secondary Emphases: Women's and Gender Studies (Graduate Certificate), Rhetoric and Culture |
| 2004 | Master of Arts, West Virginia University
Emphasis: Communication Theory and Research |
| 2003 | Bachelor of Arts, The Pennsylvania State University
Majors: Communication Arts and Sciences, Public Relations
Minor: Women's Studies |

Research

Research Interests

- Intergroup Communication
 - Aging/Ageism
 - Common Ingroup Identity Model
 - Intergroup Contact
- Family Socialization
 - Gender roles and identity
 - Generativity
 - Feminism
 - Communicating hurt
- Family Relationships
 - Intergenerational
 - In-law Relationships
 - Mother/Daughter
 - Grandparent/Grandchild
 - Parents/Married Couples

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Invited Book Chapters

*Indicates co-author's graduate student status while completing work on the study.

Rittenour, C. (2019) In-law relationships. In *Macmillan Encyclopedia of families, marriages, and intimate relationships*, p 467-471.

Rittenour, C. E., & Odenweller, K. G. (2019). It's not that easy: Challenges of motherhood. In A. M. Alford & M. Miller-Day (Eds.), *Constructing motherhood and daughterhood: Communicating across generations*. New York: Peter Lang.

Rittenour, C., *Kromka, S. M., *Saunders, R. K., *Davis, K., *Garlitz, K., *Opatz, S. N., *Sutherland, A., *Thomas, M. (2019). Socializing the silent treatment: Parent and adult child communicated displeasure, identification, and satisfaction. *Journal of Family Communication*, 19, 77-93.

Rittenour, C., *Kromka, S., *Pitts, S., *Thorwart, M., *Vickers, J., & *Whyte, K. (2018). Communication surrounding estrangement: Stereotypes, attitudes and (non)accommodation strategies. *Behavioral Sciences*, 8, 1-16.

*Wasserman, J. A. and C. E. Rittenour (2018). "Who wants to play? Cueing perceived sex-based stereotypes of games." *Computers in Human Behavior*, 91, 252-262.

Daniels, R., & Rittenour, C. E. (2018). Negotiating identities in the United States: Female international students' identity gaps and management strategies. *Intercultural Communication Studies*, 27, 37-54.

Odenweller, K. G., Brann, B. M., Rittenour, C. E., & Myers, S. A. (2018). Intergenerational transmission of traditional and contemporary gender ideologies via father-son memorable messages, *Communication Research Reports*, 35, 232-244.

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.

Soliz, J., Cronan, S., Bergquist, G., Nuru, A. K., & Rittenour, C. E., (2017). Perceived benefits and challenges of a multiethnic-racial identity: Insight from adults with mixed heritage. *Identity*, 17, 267-281.

Odenweller, K. G. & Rittenour, C. E. (2017). Stereotypes of stay-at-home and working mothers. *Southern Communication Journal*, 82, 57-72.

Lancaster, A. L., & Rittenour, C. E. (2017). Parishioners' and non-parishioners' perceptions of priests: Homilies informed by an intergroup perspective are linked to more positive perceptions. *Journal of Communication and Religion*, 40, 76-89.

Fowler, C. & Rittenour, C. E. (2017). A lifespan approach to children-in-law's perceptions of parent-in-law communication. *Journal of Family Communication*, 17, 254-272.

Rittenour, C. E., & Cohen, E. L. (2016). Viewing our aged selves: Age progression simulations increase young adults' aging anxiety and negative stereotypes of older adults. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, 82, 271-289.

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*

- Goodboy, A. K., Martin, M. M., & Rittenour, C. E. (2016). Bullying as an expression of intolerant schemas. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*, 1-6. doi: 10.1007/s40653-016-0089-9
- Goodboy, A. K., Martin, M. M., & Rittenour, C. E. (2016). Bullying as a display of social dominance orientation. *Communication Research Reports*, 33, 159-165.
- Rittenour, C. E., & Koenig Kellas, J. (2015). Making sense of hurtful mother-in-law messages: Applying attribution theory to the in-law triad. *Communication Quarterly*, 63, 62-80.
- Soliz, J., & Rittenour, C. E. (2015). Generativity in the family: Grandparent-grandchild relationships and the intergenerational transmission of values and worldviews. In V. Waldron & D. Kelley (Eds), *Developing good relationships: Moral communication across the lifespan*. (pp. 55-74). New York: Peter Lang. [Includes original data and analysis]
- Colaner, C. W., & Rittenour, C. E. (2015). "Feminism begins at home": The influence of mother-daughter gender socialization on daughter career and motherhood aspirations as channeled through daughter feminist identification. *Communication Quarterly*, 63, 81-98.
- Mikucki-Enyart, S., Caughlin, J., & Rittenour, C. E. (2015). Content and relational implications of children-in-law's relational uncertainty within the in-law dyad during the transition to extended family. *Communication Quarterly*, 63, 286-309.
- 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
- Thorson, A. R., Rittenour, C. E., Koenig Kellas, J., & Trees, A. R. (2013). Quality interactions and family storytelling. *Communication Reports*, 26, 88-100.
- *LaBelle, S., Booth-Butterfield, M., & Rittenour, C. E. (2013). Attitudes toward profoundly hearing impaired and deaf individuals: Links with intergroup anxiety, social dominance orientation, and contact. *Western Journal of Communication*, 77, 489-506.
- *Odenweller, K., Rittenour, C. E., Brann, M., & Myers, S. (2013) Father-son family communication patterns and gender ideologies: A modeling and compensation analysis. *Journal of Family Communication*, 13, 340-357.
- Harwood, J., Rittenour, C. E., & Lin, M.-C. (2013). Family communication in later life. In A. L. Vangelisti (Ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Family Communication* (pp. 112-126). New York, New York: Routledge.
- 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.
- Soliz, J., & Rittenour, C. E. (2012). Family as an intergroup arena. In H. Giles (Ed.), *The Handbook of Intergroup Communication* (pp. 331-342). Thousand Oaks, CA: Routledge.
- Rittenour, C. E. (2012). Daughter-in-law standards for mother-in-law communication: Associations with daughter-in-law perceptions of relational satisfaction and shared family identity. *Journal of Family Communication*, 12, 93-110.

- Myers, S. A., & Rittenour, C. E. (2011/2012). Demographic and relational predictors of adult siblings' use of relational maintenance behaviors. *Journal of Communication, Speech, and Theatre Association of North Dakota*, 24, 1-17.
- Rittenour, C. E., & Booth-Butterfield, M. (2010). College students' sexual health: Investigating the role of peer communication. In G. L. Kreps (Ed.) *Health Communication*, Volume 1 (pp. 215-224). Thousand Oaks: Sage. [Reprint of 2006 publication in *Communication Quarterly*.]
- Myers, S. A. & Rittenour, C. E. (2010). Aggression in the K-12 Classroom. In T. Avtgis & A. Rancer (Eds.). *Arguments, Aggression, and Conflict: New Directions in Theory and Research* (pp. 139- 158). Thousand Oaks, CA: Routledge.
- Rittenour, C. E., & Soliz, J. (2009). Communicative and relational dimensions of shared family identity and relational intentions in mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationships: Developing a conceptual model for mother-in-law/daughter-in-law research. *Western Journal of Communication*, 73, 67-90.
- Soliz, J., Thorson, A. R., & Rittenour, C. E. (2009). Communicative predictors of relational satisfaction, shared family identity, and ethnic group salience in multiethnic families. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 71, 819-832.
- Myers, S. M, Brann, M., & Rittenour, C. E. (2008). Interpersonal communication motives as a predictor of early and middle adulthood siblings' use of relational maintenance behaviors. *Communication Research Reports*, 25, 1-13.
- Rittenour, C. E., & Martin, M. M. (2008). Convergent validity of the communication-based emotional support scale. *Communication Studies*, 59, 235-241.
- Rittenour, C. E., Myers, S. A., & Brann, M. (2007). Commitment and emotional closeness in the sibling relationship. *Southern Communication Journal*, 72, 169-183.
- Brann, M., Rittenour, C. E., & Myers, S. A. (2007). Adult children's forgiveness of parents' betrayals. *Communication Research Reports*, 24, 353-360.
- Rittenour, C. E., & Booth-Butterfield, M. (2006). College students' sexual health: Investigating the role of peer communication. *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication*, 7, 57-65.
- Myers, S. A., Schrodt, P., & Rittenour, C. E. (2006). The perceived impact of hurtful messages on adult children's academic performance. In L. Turner & R. West (Eds.), *Family communication: A reference of theory and research* (pp. 425-445). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. [Includes original data and analysis]
- Rittenour, C. E., & Myers, S. A. (2005). The impact of adolescents' perceptions of interparental conflict on adolescents' aggressive communication traits. *Iowa Journal of Communication*, 37, 123-138.

Funded Projects

Co-Principal Investigator (\$2,500) Awarded October 2018

West Virginia University Humanities Center Discretionary Grant:

"West Virginia(ns) in *Fallout 76: Intergroup Emotions, Interactivity, and Sense of Place*"

This longitudinal investigation considers players' experiences of the multiplayer online game *Fallout 76*, which is set in West Virginia and every gamer effectively plays a West Virginian (a commonly stereotyped regional identity). Three domains are investigated: the role of person/place exposures in shifting intergroup emotions and stereotypes for the regional group (Rittenour), the nature of interactivity among those known to the culture and those who do not (Bowman), and the dynamics of sense of place and player-avatar relations in gameplay entertainment outcomes (Banks).

Co-PIs: Jaime Banks, Nicholas David Bowman

Co-Principal Investigator (\$15,000) Awarded April, 2018
West Virginia University Humanities Center Team Research Grant

"The West Virginia Memory Project: A Photographic Tagging and Oral History Project"

Using photographs within the WVU archives, we employ those who have lived in Scott's Run through the depression and surrounding years. The photographs will be showcased Spring 2019, and this preceding work employs undergraduate students in the process of interviewing/collecting oral histories of the (mis)representativeness of the photographs against their experiences. My own research focuses on providing the interviewees with agency in the interview process, including the designation of the most important photographs, and also will test potential prosocial effects of non-Scott's Run residents' observing the photographs and hearing the stories.

Co-PIs: Catherine Gouge (English), Tamba M'Bayo (History), Kristina Hash (P.I., Social Work), Lori Hostuttler (Libraries)

Conference Presentations of Competitive Papers

**Indicates co-author's graduate student status while completing work on the study*

Bowman, N., Banks, J., & Rittenour, C. E. (November, 2019) Country Roads through 1s and Os: Sense of place for and recognition of West Virginia following long-term engagement with Fallout 76. *Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern States Communication Association, Instructional Communication Division.*

Thorwart, M., & Rittenour, C. E. (2019) First generation college students' communication with parents: Support, distraction, and identity gaps. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern States Communication Association, Instructional Communication Division.*

Rittenour, C. E., Pitts, S., (2018). Communication surrounding spouses of alcoholics. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Family Communication Division.*

Rittenour, C. E., Kromka, S. M., Pitts, S., Thorwart, M. A., Vickers, J., & Whyte, K.V. (2018). Stereotypes of estranged adult children. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern States Communication Association, Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Division.*

Rittenour, C. E., Baker, J. P., Burgess, K. B., Shields, K. E., Okai, L. B. (2018) Poor, backwards, and inbred: Stereotypes of Appalachians. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern States Communication Association, Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Division.*

Thomas, M. J., Rittenour, C. E., Martin, M. M., & Myers, S. A. (2018). Identity gaps and perceived racial prejudice in the grandparent-grandchild relationship. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern States Communication Association, Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Division.*

Rittenour, C. E., Andrews, K., Anzur, C. K., Garlitz, K., Davis, K., Kromka, S., Luo, Z., Nicholson, A., Opatz, S. A., Russell, R., Saunders, R., Skerda, K., Smith, B., Sutherland, A., & Thomas, M. (2017). Silent treatment in families. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Family Communication Division.*

Odenweller, K. G., Rittenour, C. E., Dillow, M. R., Metzger, A., Myers, S. A., & Weber, K. D. (2017). Communicating to resolve the "mommy wars." Testing the Common Ingroup Identity Model with stay-at-home and working mothers. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Family Communication Division.*

Anzur, C.K., & Rittenour, C. E. (2017). "It almost seemed taboo to even talk about it": Adoptees' initiation of birth family conversations with their adoptive parents. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Family Communication Division.*

- Ball, H., Weber, K. D., Goodboy, A. K., Lilly, C., Myers, S. A., & Rittenour, C. E. (2017). Applying psychological reactance theory to examine older adults' responses to persuasive health messages from adult child caregivers. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Health Communication Division.*
- Rittenour, C. E., Daniels, R., Amos, J. (2016). Young adults' reactions to older adults' versus young adults' communicated racism. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Communication and Aging Division.*
- Odenweller, K. G., Rittenour, C. E., Dillow, M. R., Metzger, A., Myers, S. A., & Weber, K. D. (2016) Communicated stereotypes among stay-at-home and working mothers: An intergroup communication perspective of the "Mommy Wars." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Family Communication Division/Organization Communication Divisions.*
- Daniels, R. & Rittenour, C. E. (2016). Negotiating identities: Female international students' identity gaps and strategies for coping in the United States. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, the International and Intercultural Communication Division.*
- Goodboy, A. K., Martin, M. M., & Rittenour, C. E. (2016) "Communicating with(out) conscience: Intolerant schemas and student bullying." *Paper presented at the Applied Communication Division, Southern Communication Association.*
- Donato, M. & Rittenour, C. E. (2016, March). "Siblings' versus strangers' emotional and behavioral reactions to a hypothetical emergency scenario." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Baltimore, MD [Top Paper, Applied Communication Division]*
- Rittenour, C. E., & Cohen, E. L. (2015, November). Terror management and outgrouping our future selves: Young adults' ageist attitudes after "oldify" app use. *Research poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.*
- Odenweller, K. G., & Rittenour, C. E. (2014, November). Stereotypes of stay-at-home and working mothers. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.*
- Goodboy, A., Rittenour, C. E., Myers, S. A., Bolkan, S. (2015, April). The distal role of family communication in fostering instructional dissent. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.*
- *Lancaster, A. L., & Rittenour, C. E. (2014, April). Parishioners and non-parishioners perceptions of priests: Homilies informed by an intergroup perspective are linked to more positive perceptions. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Providence, Rhode Island. [Top Paper, Applied Communication Division]*
- Mikucki-Enyart, S., Caughlin, J., & Rittenour, C. E. (2013, May) The content and relational implications of children-in-law's relational uncertainty within the in-law dyad during the transition to extended family. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Communication Association in London, England.*
- Rittenour, C. E., & Colaner, C. (2013, April) Communicating gendered values: Women's motherhood, feminism, and generativity identities as predictors of gender socialization of daughters. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Kansas City, Missouri.*
- Fowler, C., & Rittenour, C. E. (2012, November) Children's positive/negative interactions with parents-in-law: In group status as a mediator of in-law interactions and children-in-law's perceptions of marital and in-law

satisfaction. *Paper presented Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association in Orlando, Florida.* [Top Two Paper, Communication and Aging Division]

- Mikucki-Enyart, S., & Rittenour, C. E. (2012, November) "Does my future-mother-in-law really like me or just tolerate me?": Children-in-law's relational uncertainty during the transition to extended family. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association in Orlando, Florida.*
- *Nuru, A., Soliz, J., & Rittenour, C. E. (2012, November) Constructing, expressing, and reflecting ethnic identity: Perspectives from multiethnic individuals. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association in Orlando, Florida.*
- *Odenweller, K. G., Westerman, D., & Rittenour, C. E. (2012, November) Family communication patterns and online relational maintenance behaviors: Investigating college students' relationships with their parents. *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association in Orlando, Florida.*
- Rittenour, C. E., & Koenig-Kellas (2012, March) The role of attributions, perceptions of agreement, and spousal communication in daughter-in-law satisfaction with the in-law triad. *Paper presented the Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Cleveland, Ohio.*
- Mikucki-Enyart, S. & Rittenour, C. E. (2011, November) The transition to extended family: Examining relational uncertainty in the parent-adult child dyad. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.*
- Colaner, C. & 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 annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.*
- *Rudick, C. K., Myers, S. A., Dillow, M. E., and Rittenour, C. E. (2011, April) Students' perceptions of classroom justice and their use of politeness strategies. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*
- 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 wellbeing, and gender socialization of daughters. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western States Communication Association in Monterey, California.*
- Rittenour, C. E., Fowler, C., & Soliz, J. (2010, November) Grandchildren's perceptions of intergenerational communication: An investigation of sex differences and similarities in grandparent-grandchild dyads. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.* [Top Four Paper, Communication and Aging Division]
- Rittenour, C. E. (2010, April). How could she ever measure up? Daughter-in-law standards for mother-in-law communication. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Baltimore, Maryland.*
- Myers, S. A., & Rittenour, C. E. (2010, April) Demographic and relational predictors of adult siblings' use of relational maintenance behaviors. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.* [Top Four Paper, Interpersonal and Small Group Division]
- Rittenour, C. E. (2009, November) Communication within and surrounding mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationships: Implications for relational outcomes and future family functioning. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego, California.*

- Soliz, J., Rittenour, C. E., & Thorson, A. R. (2008, April) Communicative predictors of relational satisfaction, shared family identity, and ethnic group salience in multiethnic families. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Madison, Wisconsin*. [Top Four Paper, Interpersonal and Small Group Division]
- Rittenour, C. E., & Soliz, J. (2007, November) Communicative predictors of shared family identity, future contact, and caregiving intentions in mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationships. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois*.
- Thorson, A., Rittenour, C. E., Koenig Kellas, J., & Trees, A. (2007, November) Utilizing multilevel modeling: Illuminating family communication intricacies. *Manuscript presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL*. [Top Four Paper, Family Division]
- Brann, M., Myers, S.A., & Rittenour, C. E. (2007, November). Caring for the one who cared for you: Parent-child discussions about caregiving. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois*.
- Myers, M., Brann, M., & Rittenour, C. E. (2007, April) Interpersonal communication motives as a predictor of middle adulthood siblings' use of relational maintenance behaviors. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota*. [Top Four Paper, Interpersonal and Small Group Division]
- Brann, M., Rittenour, C. E., & Myers, S. A. (2006, November). Adult children's forgiveness of parents' betrayals: Progressing towards greater commitment, trust, and relational satisfaction. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas*.
- Rittenour, C. E. (2006, November). Relational dialectics in the parent- and child-in-law relationship. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Indianapolis, Indiana*.
- Rittenour, C. E. (2006, October). American mothers' support and opposition of the War in Iraq. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender, St. Louis, Missouri*.
- Rittenour, C. E., & Brann, M. (2006, April). Ageism toward youth: A closer look at older adults' perceptions of young people. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Indianapolis, Indiana*.
- Rittenour, C. E., Myers, S. A., & Brann, M. (2006, April). Commitment and emotional closeness in the sibling relationship. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Indianapolis, Indiana*. [Top Four Paper. Interpersonal and Small Group Division]
- Myers, S. A., Schrodtt, P., & Rittenour, C. E. (2005, November). The impact of parents' use of hurtful messages on adult children's self-esteem and educational motivation. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, Massachusetts*.
- Rittenour, C. E., & Brann, M. (2005, November). Storytelling: Love and relationships from older adults' perspectives. *Paper presented at the 2005 National Communication Association Convention, Boston, Massachusetts*.
- Myers, S. A., Rocca, K. A., Dunleavy, K. N., Hanselman, M., Humphrey, L. E., Ike, I., Kubic, K. N., Rittenour, C. E., & Regan, K. A. (2005, April). The relationship between college student participation and

perceived instructor communicator style. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

Rittenour, C. E., & Booth-Butterfield, M. (2005, April). College students' sexual health: Investigating the role of peer communication. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.* [Top Student Paper, Health Communication Interest Group]

Rittenour, C. E., & Martin, M. M. (2005, April). The Emotional Support Scale: A validity study. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

Rittenour, C. E., & Myers, S. A. (2005, April). Adolescents' perceptions of interparental conflict and the impact on their aggressive communication traits. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.* [Top Three Paper, Interpersonal Interest Group]

Myers, S. A., Brewster, D. W., & Kunkle, C. E. (2004, April). Applying face-negotiation theory to small group communication. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Cleveland, Ohio.* [Maiden name is Kunkle.]

Research Panel Presentation at Professional Conference

**Indicates co-author's graduate student status while completing work on the study.*

Rittenour, C. E., *Berkebile, T., *Cupp, J. G., *Decierdo, A., *de la Garza, A., *Fletcher, H., *La Belle, S., *Lybarger, J., *Odenweller, K., *Rice, Z., *Saint Aubin, M., & *Thoma, J. (2011, April). Outsiders in their own homes: The excluded, the ostracized, and other black sheep of the family. *Panel presented at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

Invited Presentations

Rules of Engagement: Student and Expert Discussion Panel on Diversity and Romantic Relationships. "Expert Panelist" Sponsored by the WVU Office of Diversity and Inclusion. (Fall 2014)

In-laws or Outlaws? Factors Associated with the Success or Failure of Mother-in-law/Daughter-in-law Relationships as part of the University of San Francisco's Committee on Children and Youth Speaker Series (Fall 2010)

Storytelling about love and relationships shared by older adults. Presented to the UNL Communication Studies colloquium (Fall 2006).

Teaching and Advising

Teaching Interests: family communication, intergroup communication, communication and aging, gender

Graduate Courses at West Virginia University

Family Communication

- Developed and instructed course
- Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee approval

Intergroup Communication

- Developed and instructed course
- Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee approval

Communication and Older Adulthood (taught as special topics)

Professional Preparation: Capstone Course for MA students

Undergraduate Courses at West Virginia University

Communication Cornerstones

- Developed course for the department, also instructed
- This is a pre-requisite for Communication Studies majors' declaration of area of emphasis.

Communication and Aging

- Designed new course materials, also instructed
- Under my direction, this is an elective course for the Undergraduate Major/Minor in Gerontology through the WVU School of Social Work

Family Communication

- Designed new course materials, also instructed

Interpersonal Communication Theory

Undergraduate Courses, Instructed at University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Business and Professional Communication (instructor; co-administrator)

Interpersonal Communication (instructor)

Research Methods (instructor)

Small Group Problem Solving (instructor)

Invited Lectures

“Communication Accommodation Theory”

- Graduate Course in Communication Theory, WVU Communication Studies Department
- Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2018

“Family Violence and Abuse”

- Undergraduate Course in Family Communication, UNL Communication Studies Department
- Fall 2011, Spring 2012

“Nonverbal Communication”

- Produced online lecture
- *Fundamentals of Human Communication - Advanced Scholars Program for high school honors students*
- Fall 2008

Advising

Ph.D. Advisees – Completed

Rita Daniels (August 2016)

Kelly Lynn Geier Odenweller (August 2015)

Ph.D. Advisees – In Progress

Mary Donato

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees – Completed

Communication Studies:

Shaun Anderson (August 2016)

Christine Anzur (August 2018)
Jordan Atkinson (August 2018)
Hannah Ball (August 2015)
Hailey Gillen (August 2014)
Colleen Malachowski (May 2012)
Michael Sollitto (August 2014)
Melissa Tindage (August 2016)
Lori Vela (August 2013)

Psychology:

Elizabeth Babskie (August 2016)
James Henry (May 2013)
Elizabeth Price (August 2018)
Ria Travers (August 2016)

Division of Design and Corporate Marketing:

Hannah Gnegy (August 2016)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees – In Progress

Communication Studies:

Sara Pitts

Psychology:

Katelyn Romm

M.A. Thesis Advisees – In Progress

Erin Shelton

M.A. Thesis Advisees – Completed

Kelly Lynn Geier Odenweller (August 2011)
Matthew Thomas (August 2017)
Janelle Vickers (August 2018)

M.A. Thesis Committee - Completed

Charles K. Rudick (August 2010)
Kristina (Pellien) Smith (Division of Design and Corporate Marketing)

M.A. Comprehensive Exam Committee - Completed

Class of 2011-Class of 2018

Service_____

Service to Discipline

Editorial Review Board

2014 – Present *Journal of Family Communication*
2018 – Present *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*
2017 – Present *Behavioral Sciences*
2014 *Southern Communication Journal*, Associate Editorial Board
2016 *Communication Teacher's* Special Issue on Diversity
2012 *Iowa Journal of Communication's* Special Issue on Communication and the Family
2013 *Journal of Family Communication's* Special Issue on Family Communication Patterns
2010 *Journal of Family Communication's* Special Issue on Culture

Guest Reviewer

Communication Monographs
Communication Research Reports
Communication Studies
Family Relations
Health Communication
Health Education
Iowa Journal of Communication
Journal of Communication
Journal of Language and Social Psychology
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
Personal Relationships
Psychology of Popular Media
Social Behavior and Personality

(Past) Chair, Vice-Chair and Program Planner, Communication and Aging Division of National Communication Association (2014 Conference/Present)

Secretary, Communication and Aging Division of National Communication Association (Spring 2006-Spring 2008)

Member, Legislative Assembly (2015-2016)

Thesis Award Committee Chair, Communication and Aging Division of NCA (2012)

Conference Reviewer

ICA theme panels on Communicating Across the Lifespan (2014)
Intergroup Communication Division of the International Communication Association (2013)
Communication and Aging Division of the National Communication Association (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012)
Family Communication Division of the National Communication Association (2010)
Small Group and Interpersonal Division of the Central States Communication Association (2009)
Interpersonal Communication Division of the Eastern Communication Association (2011)
Undergraduate Student Caucus/Paper Reviewer of the Eastern Communication Association (2012, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Member, Tellers' Committee for the Central States Communication Association (2004-2005)

Service to Department

Chair, Faculty Mentoring Committee (Spring 2012)
Chair, Interdisciplinary Committee, Departmental "2020 Strategic Plan" (Spring 2013)
Member, Graduate Studies Committee (2011-Present)
Chair, Hiring Committee, Organizational Communication Position
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2009-2015)
Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee (2019)

Service to College

Advisory Committee, Center for Women's and Gender Studies (for highly involved Associate Faculty Members)
Member, Eberly College - Curriculum and Academic Quality Committee (2015-2017)
Member, Eberly College - Faculty Evaluation Committee (2015-2017)
Member, Eberly College - Dean's Advisor Committee (2017)
Member, Hiring Committee (2012, 2014)

Reviewer, Center for Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Student Awards
Member, Curriculum and Academic Quality Committee
Coordinator, Communication Studies and Psychology Graduate Student Research Colloquium (Spring 2014)
Member, Hiring Committee for Psychology Department (2013)

Service to Community

Presenter, West Virginia University's 35th Annual Summer Institute on Aging, "Building Harmonious Grandparent/Parent Ties" (2013)

Guest Speaker, Cumberland County Chapter of the PA Association of School Retirees
"Better than Botox: Communicating to 'Feel Young'" (2013)

Grant Assistant, WV Healthy Start's HAPI Project (Funded through a University Student Learning Grant, 2005).

- Installed a communication component
- This project was an outreach program for pregnant women at high-risk for intimate partner violence.

Memberships in Professional Organizations

International Communication Association
National Communication Association
Eastern Communication Association
Organization for Research on Women and Communication

Honors and Awards

Research

- 2016 Top Paper, Communication & Aging Division of the National Communication Association (w/ Rita Daniels and Jenna Amos)
- 2016 Advisee Kelly Odenweller Awarded Sandra Petronio Top Dissertation Award for the Family Communication Division of the National Communication Association
- 2016 Milton Dickens Award for exemplary empirical research published in *Communication Reports* for "Quality Interactions and Family Storytelling" (w/ A. Thorson, J. Koenig Kellas, and A. Trees)
- 2016 Top Paper, Applied Communication Division of the Eastern Communication Association (w/ M. Donato), Baltimore, MD.
- 2014 Top Paper, Applied Communication Division of the Eastern Communication Association (w/ A. Lancaster), Providence, Rhode Island.
- 2012 Top Four Paper, Communication and Aging Division of the National Communication Association (w/ C. Fowler), Orlando, Florida.
- 2011 Outstanding Manuscript Award, Central States Communication Association (w/ S. Myers)
- 2010 Top Four Paper, Interpersonal and Small Group Division of the Central States Communication Association (w/ S. Myers), Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 2010 Top Four Paper, Communication and Aging Division of the National Communication Association (w/ C. Fowler & J. Soliz), San Francisco, California.

- 2010 Invited Presentation, Speaker Series, University of San Francisco Committee on Children and Youth
- 2009 Grant Recipient, Organization for Research of Women and Communication's Research Development Grant (w/ C. Colaner)
- 2008 Presidential Fellow (top fellowship granted to doctoral students, selected by the University), University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2008 Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Assistant Research Award, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2008 Top Four Paper, Interpersonal Division of the Central States Communication Association
- 2007 Participant, Graduate Student Seminar "Intergroup Communication: Its Ubiquity and Dynamics" (Annual Wayne State Doctoral Seminar, led by Dr. Howard Giles)
- 2007 Top Four Paper, Family Division of the National Communication Association (w/ A. Thorson, J. Koenig Kellas, and A. Trees), Chicago, Illinois
- 2007 Top Four Paper, Interpersonal and Small Group Division of the National Communication Association (w/ M. Myers, M. Brann), Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2006 Top Four Paper, Interpersonal and Small Group Division of the Central States Communication Association (w/ S. Myers & M. Brann), Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2005 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Othmer Fellow (top fellowship granted by the University to incoming graduate students, selected by the Communication Studies Department)
- 2005 Top Student Paper, Health Communication Division of the Eastern States Communication Association (w/ M. Booth-Butterfield), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2005 Top Three Paper, Interpersonal Division of the Eastern States Communication Association (w/ S. Myers), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Teaching

- 2008 Outstanding Instructor, University of Nebraska by the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority
- 2005 Department Selection, International Communication Association's Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, West Virginia University