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Professional Appointments

- 2024-2025 Outstanding Merit Fellow, West Virginia University
- 2024-2025 Graduate Research Assistant, West Virginia University
Under Dr. Megan Gandy funded research, **Play Higher for Behavioral Health: An Educational Pipeline Initiative**
- 2021-2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Communication Studies Department,
West Virginia University
- Fall 2023 Adjunct Professor of Communication, Juniata College
- July-Dec 2023 Graduate Research Assistant, West Virginia University
Under Dr. Lindsay Morris-Neuberger's funded external research,
Community-Based Approaches to Strengthening Economic Supports for Working Families (CASES) (\$1,349,209)
PI: Orlando Health. Funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. \$79,166 sub-contract to Morris-Neuberger from Orlando Health Foundation.
- 2016-2021 Adjunct Professor of Communication, Messiah University
- Spring 2021 Contemporary Worship Leader, Central Presbyterian Church,
Chambersburg, PA
- 2016-2020 Youth & Young Adult Pastor, Associate Pastor, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Chambersburg, PA
- Create and implement curriculum twice per week for 6th-12th graders.
 - Create and implement programming through special events 3 times per month for 6th-12th graders with 1 event being a local service project.
 - Partner with local school districts to create student support opportunities for high school students. (e.g. café for honors students during testing, high school teacher guest speakers for dating curriculum, host Baccalaureate)
- 2010-2016 Youth & Young Adult Pastor, Contemporary Worship Leader
Calvary United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, PA

Education

- 2023 PhD Candidate, Communication Studies
West Virginia University
GPA: 3.88
- 2022 Graduate Certificate in Women's & Gender Studies
West Virginia University
- 2014 Master of Arts, Messiah University
Emphasis: Youth & Young Adult Ministries
GPA: 4.0
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts, Messiah University
Major: Communication with Speech Concentration
Minor: Christian Ministries
GPA: 3.53

Research Interests

- Intergroup Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Action-Based Program Evaluation Research
- LGBTQ+ Identity Formation and Communication Efficacy Programming

Awards & Recognition

- Eberly College Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, West Virginia University, Spring 2024
- Renee Kisner Graduate Student Collegiality Award, West Virginia University, Fall 2023
- Patricia Kearney Doctoral Student Teaching Award, West Virginia University, Fall 2023
- Student Caucus Travel Grant Award, National Communication Association, Fall 2023
- Carrie Koeturius Scholarship for Returning Women Students, presented by the Center for Women's and Gender Studies at West Virginia University, Spring 2023
- Velma Miller/West Virginia Alliance for Women's & Gender Studies Graduate Scholar Award, presented by the Center for Women's and Gender Studies at West Virginia University, Spring 2023
- Student Spotlight, National Communication Association Activism & Social Justice Graduate Student Division, January 2023
- Professor's Day Recognition, Nominated by West Virginia University Football Players, Spring 2022
- Student Caucus Travel Grant Award, National Communication Association, Fall 2022
- Quoted in the Daily Athenaeum, West Virginia University Student Newspaper
<https://www.thedaonline.com/news/university/new-grad-coursework-added-to->

Speaking Engagements

- Bobbitt, T., Bihlmeyer, C., **Leggett-Bradley, S.**, Scherer, H., & Wright, A. (2024, August). *Communication Studies Graduate Student Orientation Panel*, West Virginia University
- Leggett-Bradley, S. (2023, November). *How to Use Your Personal Platform for Change*. WVU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- Kunkle, C., Wood, N., **Leggett-Bradley, S.**, Martin, M., Baker, A. & Kumbalonah, A. (2023, October). *Strengthening Families Through Our Differences*. Irving Goodman Aging Lecture, WVU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.
- Leggett-Bradley, S., (2023, March). *Coming out communication*. WVU Communication Studies Research Colloquium.
- Beall, A. & **Leggett-Bradley, S.**, (2023, February). *Navigating Religious and LGBTQ+ Social Identities*. WVU Honors College: Honoring Diversity Series.
- Leggett-Bradley, S., (2023, January). *How to Use Your Personal Platform for Change*. MLK Day of Learning for Franklin County, PA.
- Kunkle, C. & **Leggett-Bradley, S.**, (2022, August). *Challenging Conversations in the Classroom*. WVU Communication Studies Graduate Student Orientation.
- Motivational Speaking to 36,000 attendees at over 150 speaking engagements spanning 17 years.
- Student Leader of Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (J.E.D.I.) Committee West Virginia University, Communication Studies Department
 - Presented at “I Belong” WVU Diversity Promotion Event
 - Presented at “Tunnels of Awareness” WVU Event

Service & Leadership

- Youth & Parent Pride (Y.A.P.P.) Network Creator, Morgantown, West Virginia. Serving 11-14 LGBTQ+ youth and their families. Major Community Partner: First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown, WV (2024-2025)
- Implemented the first Communication Studies Department Graduate Student Organization at West Virginia University (2023)
- First President of the Communication Studies Department Graduate Student Organization at West Virginia University (2023-2024)
 - Implemented first Welcome(back) Event for Graduate Students in the COMM Dept.
 - Orchestrated and led the first “Officer Retreat” for the new Comm. Studies Graduate Student Organization

- Implemented the first three fundraisers for the new student organization totaling \$3,048.50 in fundraising profit for the organization.
- Implemented the first service project for the new student organization which was a food drive for the Monongalia County site of the Mountaineer Food Bank that collected over 400 nonperishable food items to donate.
- LGBTQ+ Commissioner, West Virginia University, 2022-2024
- Attended Professional Development Event at WVU, Spring 2023
 - COMM Studies Dept. Comprehensive Exam prep and CV/Job Market Prep
- Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, West Virginia University, 2022
- Attendee, Foundations of Community Engaged Scholarship: A Panel with Faculty from Multiple Institutions, 2022
- Kognito Training, West Virginia University, Spring 2022
- Safe Zone Training, West Virginia University, 2021
- Trans Safe Zone Training, West Virginia University, 2021
- A Long Talk: About the Uncomfortable Truth, Anti-Racism Activation Experience, 2021
- Antiracism Work Worth Doing (AWWD), West Virginia University, Contributed to the naming of this new campus organization, 2021
- Undergraduate Student Mentor
 - Messiah University, 2017-2019, served both incoming first-year students and seniors from Christian Ministry courses.

Professional Organization Activity

National Communication Association

- Panelist, *Queer Pedagogy Session*, 2022 Convention
- Presenter, *Freedom (?) from Organizational Learning Barriers: Strategies for Improving Training from Organizational, Instructional, and Training Communication Specialists*, 2023 Convention
 - Training & Development Division
- Author, *Communication Trait Music Playlist*, 2023 Convention
 - Great Ideas for Teaching (G.I.F.T.S.) Session II
- Author, *The Girl Behind the Door: Autoethnography Depicting the Social Identity Development of a Gay Christian Woman Through Media Content and a Call for Increased Representation of LGBTQ+ Christians*, 2023 Convention
 - Feminist & Gender Studies Division
- Reviewer, Caucus on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns, 2024

Eastern Communication Association

- Competitive Individual Paper, 2023 Convention
 - *LGBTQ+ Disclosure Through the Lens of the Revelation Risk Model*

- Interpersonal Communication Panel Session, “Navigating Risky Communication: Characteristics of and Motivations for Disclosure and Reducing Relational Uncertainty”
- Chair, Undergraduate Research Panel, 2022 and 2023 Conventions

Kentucky Conference on Health Communication

- Morris-Neuberger, L., **Leggett-Bradley, S.**, Baker, A., Martin, M., & Bobbitt, T. (accepted for presentation). *Project SCORES: Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Future Community Based Research*. Poster accepted for presentation at the 2024 Kentucky Conference on Health Communication Conference, Lexington, KY.

Teaching/Graduate Teaching Assistant _____

- Instructor for the following undergraduate Communication courses:
 - COMM 316-Intercultural Communication
 - COMM 309-Health Communication
 - COMM 308-Nonverbal Communication
 - COMM 305-Appreciation of Motion Pictures
 - COMM 306-Organizational Communication
 - COMM 230-Interpersonal Communication
 - COMM 122-Communication in Contemporary Society
 - COMM 105-Fundamentals of Oral Communication
 - COMM 104-Fundamentals of Public Communication
- Guest Lecturer in the following courses:
 - “Disclosure” in COMM 702-Advanced Interpersonal Communication, Spring 2022
 - “Relational Dialectics Theory” in COMM 300-Interpersonal Theory, Spring 2024
 - “Communication Research Avenues” in COMM 203-Communication Theory, Fall 2022
 - “Spoken Word” in CHRM 365-Creative Communication of the Gospel, Spring 2012
 - “Local Mission Engagement” in CHRM 210 -Theology of Ministry, Spring 2015
 - “Yearly Ministry Goals” - CHRM 235-Ministry with Youth I, Fall 2012
 - “Creating a Ministry Planner” – CHRM 336-Ministry with Youth II, Fall 2013

Dissertation Committee _____

Dr. Christine E. Kunkle-Advisor

- Professor; West Virginia University; Facilitator, WVU Advance Team

Dr. Elizabeth L. Cohen-WVU Departmental Committee Member

- Associate Professor; Director of Graduate Studies

Dr. Megan R. Dillow-WVU Departmental Committee Member

- Associate Professor

Dr. Susan M. Shaw-Outside Committee Member

- Professor of Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Oregon State University