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# Professional Appointments\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2021-Present Graduate Teaching Assistant, Communication Studies Department,

West Virginia University

2016-2021 Adjunct Professor of Communication, Messiah University

2016-2020 Youth & Young Adult Pastor, Associate Pastor, St. Paul United Methodist   
 Church, Chambersburg, PA

2010-2016 Youth & Young Adult Pastor, Contemporary Worship Leader

Calvary United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, PA

# Education\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| 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
* LGBTQ+ Disclosure
* LGBTQ+ Communication Efficacy
* LGBTQ+ Identity Formation
* LGBTQ+ Individuals and Allies and the Christian Church

**Teaching/Graduate Teaching Assistant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Instructor for the following undergraduate Communication courses:
  + COMM 309-Health Communication
  + COMM 305-Appreciation of Motion Pictures
  + COMM 306-Organizational 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
  + “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

**Awards & Recognition\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Professor’s Day Award, Nominated by West Virginia University Football Players, Spring 2022
* 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
* Quoted in the Daily Athenaeum <https://www.thedaonline.com/news/university/new-grad-coursework-added-to-womens-and-gender-studies-certificate-program/article_38736488-d223-11ed-adc6-f7907a9fc19e.html>

**Speaking Engagements\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Leggett-Bradley, S., (2023, March). *Coming out communication*. WVU Communication Studies Research Colloquium.
* Beall, Alyssa & Leggett-Bradley, S., (2023, February). *Navigating Religious and LGBTQ+ Social Identities*. WVU Honors College: Honoring Diversity Series.
* Kunkle, Christine & Leggett-Bradley, S., (2022, August). *Challenging Conversations in the Classroom*. WVU Communication Studies Graduate Student Orientation.
* Leggett-Bradley, S., (2023, January). *How to Use Your Personal Platform for Change*. MLK Day of Learning for Franklin County, PA.
* 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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 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
* LGBTQ+ Commissioner, West Virginia University, 2022-present
* Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, West Virginia University, 2022
* Safe Zone Training, West Virginia University, 2021
* Trans Safe Zone Training, West Virginia University, 2021
* **Attendee, Foundations of Community Engaged Scholarship: A Panel with Faculty from Multiple Institutions**
* 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
* Undergraduate Student Mentor
  + Messiah University, 2017-2019, served both incoming first-year students and seniors.
* Attended Professional Development Event at WVU (4/23)
  + COMM Studies Dept. COMPS prep and CV/Job Market Prep
* Kognito Training, West Virginia University, Spring 2022

**Professional Organization Activity\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

National Communication Association

* Panelist, Queer Pedagogy Session, 2022 Convention

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

**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