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Education

Ph.D. in Communication Studies

Dissertation: Ethnic-racial socialization mapping in ethnic-racial minority populations: Exploring the efficacy of an intervention to increase well-being and secure ethnic-racial identity
University of Nebraska Lincoln, Fall 2016-Spring 2020
Committee: Drs. Jordan Soliz (Chair), Angela Palmer-Wackerly, Jody Koenig Kellas, Deadric Williams

M.A. in Communication Studies

University of Montana, Fall 2014-Spring 2016
Thesis: Beyond blood: Examining the communicative challenges of adoptive families
Committee: Drs. Alan Sillars (Chair), Stephen Yoshimura, Kimber McKay

B.A. in Communication

University of California, Santa Barbara, Fall 2009-Spring 2016, Honors

Academic and Professional Appointments

2020-present Assistant Professor, University of Georgia
2016-2020 Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, UNL
Summer 2019 Graduate Assistant, College of Arts and Sciences, UNL
Developed curriculum for instructors on human diversity in the United States, including activities, assignments, and resources on inclusive teaching practices
2014-2016 Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, UMT

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award
2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award
2019 Doctoral Honors Seminar, National Communication Association
2018-2019 Phyllis Japp Scholar, Department of Communication Studies, UNL
2018 Top Paper, African American Communication and Culture Division, NCA
2016-2019 Othmer Fellow, Department of Communication Studies, UNL
2016 Distinguished Service to the Department, UMT

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

Morgan, T., Soliz, J., **Minniear, M.**, & Bergquist, G. (2020). Communication Accommodation and Identity Gaps as Predictors of Relational Solidarity in Interfaith Family Relationships. *Communication Reports*, 33(1), 41–54. Doi: 10.1080/08934215.2019.1692052

Minniear, M. & Soliz, J. (2019). Family communication and messages about race and identity in Black families in the United States. *Journal of Family Communication*, 19(4), 329-347. doi: 10.1080/15267431.2019.1593170

Minniear, M., Sillars, A., & Shuy, K. (2018). Risky business: Disclosures of risky behavior among emerging adults in the digital age. *Communication Reports, 31*(1), 1–13. doi: 10.1080/08934215.2017.1310271

Manuscripts Under Review

Minniear, M., Morgan, T., Petite, S., & Voorhees H. (revise and resubmit). Challenges and accounts for adopted individuals: Exploring the role of interpersonal interactions about adoptive families.

Kellas J., Cardwell M., **Minniear M.,** Baker. J. & Horstman H. (revise and resubmit). Communicated perspective-taking (CPT) and storylistening: Testing the impact of CPT in the context of friends telling stories of difficulty.

Soliz, J., Kam J., **Minniear, M.** & Bergquist G. (revise and resubmit). Identity gaps and well-being for ethnic-racial minorities in the United States: Investigating perceptions of family, friendships, and professional relationships

Minniear, M. (under review). Ethnic-racial socialization and well-being: A meta-analysis.

Conference Presentations

Minniear, M. (May 2019). Ethnic-racial socialization and well-being: A meta-analysis. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting in Washington D.C.

Minniear, M., Morgan T., Petite-Heisdorf, S. & Voorhees, H. (May 2019). Challenges and accounts for adopted individuals: Exploring the role of interpersonal interactions about adoptive families. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting in Washington D.C.

Minniear, M., Cardwell, M., April, M., & Soliz, J. (May 2019). "Let's talk about race, baby": The role of accommodation in interracial-ethnic romantic relationships in the United States. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting in Washington D.C.

Minniear, M. & Soliz, J. (November 2018). "I wish someone told me being Black wasn't monolithic": Messages about race and identity in Black families. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. *Top Paper Award in African-American Communication and Culture Division.*

Kellas, J., Cardwell M., **Minniear M.,** Baker. J. & Horstman H. (November 2018). Communicated perspective-taking (CPT) and storylistening: Testing the impact of CPT in the context of friends telling stories of difficulty. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in Salt Lake City, UT.

Minniear, M. (November 2018). Identity gaps and accommodation in race-related communication in interracial romantic relationships. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in Salt Lake City, UT.

Soliz, J., Morgan, T., **Minniear, M.**, & Bergquist, G. (May 2018). Individual and relational correlates of communication accommodation and identity gaps: An intergroup perspective on interfaith family relationships. Presented at the International Communication Association 68th Annual Convention, Prague, Czech Republic.

Minniear, M. & Soliz, J. (May 2018). Socialization in multiethnic-racial families: Examining the associations between parental communication about prejudice and discrimination and psychological well-being. Presented at the Family Communication Pre-Conference at the International Communication Association 68th Annual Convention, Prague, Czech Republic.

Minniear, M. (April 2018). Communicative racial socialization mapping. Presented at the University of Nebraska Graduate Student Spring Research Fair Poster Session at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.

Minniear, M. (February 2018). Communicative racial socialization mapping. Presented at the Minority Health Disparities Initiative Conference Poster Presentations at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.

Minniear, M. & Sillars, A. (November 2017). Influences of memorable messages about adoption and family on adoptee Identity. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Bergquist, G., **Minniear, M.** & Soliz, J. (November 2017). The relationship between inclusive worldviews and intercultural communication anxiety: Exploring mediating roles of perspective-taking and empathy. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Minniear, M. (April 2017). Memorable messages and adoptive identity. Presented at the University of Nebraska Graduate Student Spring Research Fair Poster Session at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.

Minniear, M. & Cullinan, M. (November 2016). Diversifying opinions: Online commentary on diversity in Silicon Valley. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Minniear, M. (March 2016). Uncertainty and identity in transracial adoptive families. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA.

Minniear, M., Shuy, K., Sillars, A. & Holly, A. (November 2015). Risky business: Disclosures of risky behavior among emerging adults in the digital age. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Teaching

2018-2019	Introduction to Communication Research Methods (Comm 201), UNL <i>Instructor of Record</i>
2017-2019	Intercultural & Intergroup Communication (Comm 211/Comm 311), UNL <i>Instructor of Record</i>
2016-2019	Business and Professional Communication (Comm 286), UNL

2016 Communication in the 21st Century (Comm 101), UNL
2014-2016 Introduction to Public Speaking (COMX 111), UMT
 Instructor of Record
2015 Interpersonal Communication (COMX 115), UMT
2016 Research Methods (COMX 460/1), UMT

Funded Research and Travel Awards

2019 Diana Carlin Research Fellowship (\$500)
2018 NCA Caucus Student Travel Grant, National Communication Association (\$145)
2018 Graduate Student Travel Association's Travel Award Program (\$400)
2016 Student of Color Travel Award, National Communication Association (\$200)

Professional Service

Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer

Communication Studies
Journal of Family Communication

Conference Paper Reviewer

African-American Communication and Culture Division, National Communication Association

University of Nebraska Service

2017-2019 Departmental Governing Board Graduate Student Representative.
2017-2018 Graduate Committee Member
2016-2019 Diversity Committee Member

University of Montana Service

2016 Graduate Student Representative

Community Engagement

March 2019 Speaker: Ethnic-Racial Socialization and Families, *Parenting Across Color Lines*,
Lincoln, NE.
March 2018 Speaker: Leadership, *Resilient Women of Color Conference for High School Girls of*
Color, Lincoln, NE.
February 2018 Speaker: Mental Health and Women of Color, *Resilient Women Student Group*,
Lincoln, NE.
February 2018 Panelist: The Bigger the Hair, *Resilient Women Student Group*, Lincoln, NE.

Professional Memberships

National Communication Association
International Communication Association