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## **Education**

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### **Ph.D. in Communication Studies**

University of Nebraska Lincoln, Fall 2016-Spring 2020

### **M.A. in Communication Studies**

University of Montana, Fall 2014-Spring 2016

### **B.A. in Communication**

University of California, Santa Barbara, Fall 2009-Spring 2013, Honors

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## **Academic and Professional Appointments**

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2020-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia
2016-2020	Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, UNL
2014-2016	Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, UMT

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## **Awards, Fellowships, and Honors**

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2024	Top Paper Panel, Health Communication Division, NCA
2024	Willson Center Faculty Research Grants in the Humanities and Arts Program \$6,000
2023-2024	UGA Lilly Fellows Teaching Fellowship
2023	Top Book Chapter Award, African American Communication and Culture Division, NCA
2021	Top Faculty Paper Panel, International and Intercultural Communication Division, NCA
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

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## Publications

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### Peer-reviewed Journals

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1. Nelson, L. R., & **Minniear, M.** (2025). Memorable messages about racism in Black families: Attributions, intergenerational transmission, and well-being. *Journal of Family Communication*, 25(2), 113–128. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2025.2467701>
2. Gunning, J. N., Cardwell, M. E., & **Minniear, M.** (2024). The Autoimmune Library: An arts-based approach to women of color's (counter)narratives of chronic illness. *Health Communication*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2024.2388881>
3. **Minniear, M.**, Smith, H.\*, & Soliz, J. (2023). Ego-centered network analysis of ethnic-racial socialization in families. *Communication Monographs*, 91(3), 373–395. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2023.2292646>
4. **Minniear, M. J.**, Pierce, T.\*, & Morrison, J. (2023). Raising Black daughters: Using intersectionality and memorable messages to understand parental gendered racial socialization. *Journal of Family Communication*, 23(3–4), 226–240. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2023.2239206>
5. Cardwell, M.E., **Minniear, M.J.** & Soliz, J.E. (2023) Malleable identity and well-being: Parental identity accommodation in Multiethnic-racial families. *Journal of Race and Social Problems*, 15, 45-58. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-023-09391-w>
6. Atkin, A. L. & **Minniear, M.J.** (2023). An exploratory mixed methods study of Multiracial Americans' race choices on the 2020 census. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 29(3), 406-417. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cdp0000582>
7. Warner Colaner, C., Atkin, A. L., Elkhaid, A., **Minniear, M.**, & Soliz, J. (2022). Communication in interfaith and Multiethnic-Racial families: Navigating identity and Difference in Family Relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 40(6), 1673-1705. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221137317>
8. **Minniear, M. J.** (2022). The role of counter-narratives in resisting the deficit model of families for BIPOC families. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 40(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075221123095>

9. **Minniear, M.** & Atkin, A. (2022) Exploring Multiracial identity, demographics, and the first-period identity crisis: the role of the 2020 United States Census in promoting monocentric norms. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 51(1), 37-54.  
<http://doi.org/10.1080/00909882.2022.2107401>
10. Kellas, J. K., Baker, J., Cardwell, M., **Minniear, M.**, & Horstman, H. K. (2021). Communicated perspective-taking (CPT) and storylistening: Testing the impact of CPT in the context of friends telling stories of difficulty. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 38(1), 19–41.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407520955239>
11. 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. <http://doi.org/10.1080/08934215.2019.1692052>
12. **Minniear, M.** & Sliz, 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](http://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2019.1593170)
13. **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,  
<http://doi.org/10.1080/08934215.2017.1310271>

*\*indicates a current or former graduate advisee on the publication*

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### Book Chapters

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1. Davis, S.M. & **Minniear, M.** (2024). Race and interpersonal communication. In B. Calafell & S. Eguchi (eds). *The Routledge handbook of ethnicity and race in communication*. Routledge Publishing
2. **Minniear, M.** (2022). Ethnic-Racial Socialization Mapping. In J.T. Austin, M.P. Orbe & J.D. Sims (Eds.) *Communication Theory: Racially Diverse and Inclusive Perspectives*. Cognella.
3. **Minniear, M.** & Cardwell M. (2021). Critical Race Theory. In D. O Braithwaite & P. Schrod (Eds.) *Engaging Theories in Interpersonal Communication: Multiple Perspectives*. Sage.
4. Bach B., Barney K., & **Minniear M.** (2021). “How do I Find a Good Fit?”: Applying to Master’s and PhD Programs. In B. Bach, D.O. Braithwaite & S. Ganesh (Eds.) *By Degrees: Resilience, Relationships, and Success in Communication Graduate Studies*. Cognella.

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### Research in Progress

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**Minniear M.**, Voorhees H., & Harper Nichols M.\* (Revise and Resubmit). “A Brain That Never Sleeps”: An Arts-Based Exploration of Black Women’s Narratives of ADHD

**Minniear, M.J.**, Smith, H. & Maisano, T. (Revise and Resubmit). They would get the 'heebeejeebees’: Family socialization of heteronormativity

**Minniear, M.J.**, Acheme, D., & Smith, H. (Revise and Resubmit). Indirect racial messages from White families: The implication for racial ideologies and outgroup beliefs.

Smith H. & **Minniear, M.J.** (manuscript in preparation). Accommodation East Asian accents in the United States: A communication accommodation theory perspective

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### Conference Presentations

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1. **Minniear M.**, Voorhees H., & Harper Nichols M.\* (2025). “A Brain That Never Sleeps”: An arts-based exploration of Black women’s narratives of ADHD. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting in Denver, CO.
2. Gunning, J. N., Cardwell, M. E., & **Minniear, M.** (2024). The Autoimmune library: An arts-based approach to women of color’s (counter)narratives of chronic illness. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in New Orleans, LA. *Top Paper in the Health Communication Division*
3. **Minniear, M.J.**, Acheme, D., & Smith, H. (November 2023). Indirect racial messages from White families: The implication for racial ideologies and outgroup beliefs. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in National Harbor, MD.
4. **Minniear, M.J.**, Smith, H., & Maisano, T. (November 2023). Family Socialization of Positive and Negative Attitudes towards the LGBTQ+ Community. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in National Harbor, MD.
5. Smith H.\* & **Minniear, M.J.** (May 2023). Accommodation East Asian accents in the United States: A communication accommodation theory perspective. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting in Toronto, Canada.
6. **Minniear M.J.**, Smith H.\*, & Soliz J. (November 2022). Examining Family Typologies in Ethnic-Racial Socialization Mapping. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.
7. **Minniear, M.** & Atkin, A. (November 2021). Exploring Multiracial Identity, Demographics, and the First Period Identity Crisis: The Role of the 2020 United States Census in Promoting Monocentric Norms. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in

Seattle, WA. *Top Faculty Papers Award in International and Intercultural Division.*

8. **Minniear, M.**, & Smith, H. (November 2021). Research Roundtable: Ethnic-Racial Socialization Mapping. Presented at the National Communication Association annual meeting in Seattle, WA.
9. **Minniear, M.** (May 2021). Storying Ethnic-Racial Socialization: The Role of Counter-Narratives in Resisting the Deficit Model of Families for BIPOC Families. Presented at the International Communication Association annual meeting in Denver, CO.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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.*
14. 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.
15. **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.
16. 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.

17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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.
20. **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.
21. 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.
22. **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.
23. **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.
24. **Minniear, M.** (March 2016). Uncertainty and identity in transracial adoptive families. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA.
25. **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.

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## **Teaching**

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### **University of Georgia**

#### **Graduate Courses**

- 2022-present Theories of Interpersonal Communication (Comm 8500)
- 2021-present Interracial Communication (Comm 8820)

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

- 2022-Present Ethnicity-Race and Communication (Comm 3820)
- 2021-Present Empirical Research Methods (Comm 3700)
- 2020-present Race, Ethnicity, and the Family (Comm 4840)

#### **Invited Class Speaker**

2023 Graduate Professionalization Seminar, Utah State University  
2023 Health Communication, University of Montana  
2022 Health Communication (graduate), University of Southern Florida  
2022 Family Communication (graduate), University of Western Michigan  
2021 Interpersonal Communication Theories (graduate), University of Western Michigan

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## **Service**

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### **University of Georgia Service**

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#### **Department of Communication Committee and Positions**

Research Pool Director, August 2023-Present  
Olivia Cone Scholarship Committee, March 2023

#### **Department of Communication Graduate Advising**

2021-present Doctoral Committee: Selena Pang  
2022-2024 Master's Committee Member: Sydney Luff  
2022-2024 Master's Committee Member: Rebecca Hughes  
2022-2024 Master's Committee Member: Samantha Richey  
2020-2022 Master's Advisor: Hannah Smith  
2020-2022 Master's Committee Member: Moonsun Jeon

#### **Outside Department**

2023-present Doctoral Committee Member: Chloe Andre, Psychology

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### Professional Service

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#### **Editorial Board Member**

Journal of Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology

#### **Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer**

*Journal of Family Communication* 2020-present

*Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* 2020-present

*Social Science Research* 2022-present

*Health Communication* 2020

*Communication Studies* 2018

#### **Conference Paper Reviewer**

*African-American Communication and Culture Division*, National Communication Association  
2018

*Intergroup Communication Division*, International Communication Association 2019-Present

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### Community Engagement

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2024 Presented at the Athen's Science Alliance Science Cafe

2023 Keynote Speaker, University of Georgia Spring Advising Workshop