

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**EDUCATION**

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- Ph.D.**            **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2012)**  
 Communication
- M. S.**            **Illinois State University (2007)**  
 Communication Studies
- B. A.**            **Illinois State University (2003)**  
 Major: Speech Communication; Minor: Creative Writing

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2017-present**            **Assistant Professor**  
 Department of Communication Studies, The University of Iowa
- 2012 – 2017**            **Assistant Professor**  
 Division of Communication, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- 2015- 2017**            **Director of Graduate Studies**  
 Division of Communication, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
- 2007- 2012**            **Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
 Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2008**                    **Graduate Research Assistant**  
 Department of Communication, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2005-2007**            **Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
 School of Communication, Illinois State University
- 2003-2005**            **Executive Director**  
 Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce, Tinley Park, Illinois

**RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS**

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\*student co-author

**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2018a). Parents-in-law's topic avoidance: Understanding the role of interaction goals and relational characteristics. *Personal Relationships*, 25, 433-457.

- Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2018b). Perceived topic avoidance and relational outcomes: The moderating role of in-laws' goal inferences. *Journal of Family Communication, 18*, 317-333.
- Mikucki-Enyart, S. L. & Caughlin, J. P.** (2018). Integrating the relational turbulence model and a multiple goals approach to understand topic avoidance during the transition to extended family. *Communication Research, 45*, 267-296.
- Mikucki-Enyart, S. L., Petite, S. R.\*, & Wilder, S. E.** (2018). Relational uncertainty management in adult children of divorce. *Journal of Applied Communication, 46*, 469-490.
- Mikucki-Enyart, S. L., Wilder, S. E., & Barber, H.\*** (2017). "Was it all smoke and mirrors?": Applying the relational turbulence model to adult children's experience of late-life parental divorce. *Journal of Social & Personal Relationships, 34*, 209-234.
- Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2016). Communication among in-laws. In C. Berger & M. Roloff (Eds.), *International encyclopedia of interpersonal communication*. Malden, MA: Blackwell.
- Mikucki-Enyart, S. L., Caughlin, J. P., & Rittenour, C. E.** (2015). The content and relational implications of children-in-law's relational uncertainty during the transition to extended family. *Communication Quarterly, 63*, 286-309.
- Caughlin, J. P., Vangelisti, A. L., **Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2013). Conflict in dating and marital relationships. In J. G. Oetzel & S. Ting-Toomey (Eds.), *The Sage handbook of conflict communication: Integrating theory, research, and practice* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 161-186). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Scott, A. M., Caughlin, J. P., Donovan-Kicken, E., **Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2013). Do message features influence responses to depression disclosure? A message design logics perspective. *Western Journal of Communication, 77*, 139-163.
- Stone, A. M., **Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.**, Middleton, A. V., Caughlin, J. P., & Brown, L. B. (2012). Caring for a parent with lung cancer: Caregiver's perspectives on the role of communication. *Qualitative Health Research, 22*, 957-970.
- Caughlin, J. P., **Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.**, Middleton, A. V., Stone, A. M., & Brown, L. B. (2011). Being open without talking about it: A rhetorical/normative approach to understanding topic avoidance in families after a lung cancer diagnosis. *Communication Monographs, 78*, 409-436.

## **RELEVANT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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\*Student co-author

- Mikucki-Enyart, S. L., & High, A. C.** (2019, May). *Infertility Disclosures to Social Network Members: Understanding the Role of Relational Characteristics and Interaction Goals*. Panel paper to be presented at the annual convention of the International Communication Association, Washington, D.C.
- Peterson, A. M., & **Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2018, November). *Adult Stepchildren's Management of Uncertainty during Later-life Stepfamily Formation*. Competitive paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.,** Petite, S. R., Peterson, A. M., & Bennett, L. K. (2018, November). *Obstacles and Opportunities in Late-Life Stepfamily Development*. Competitive paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L. & McLaren, R. M.** (2018, June). *In-law conflict: Integrating relational turbulence theory and the common in-group identity model to understand children-in-law's use of destructive conflict management strategies*. Competitive paper at the annual convention of the International Association of Relationships Research, Fort Collins, CO.

**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2017, November). *Perceptions of topic avoidance and relational outcomes: Examining the role of relational uncertainty and goal inferences*. Competitive paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX.

**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2017, April). *The moderating role of goals on the link between in-laws' topic avoidance (own and perceived) and relationship satisfaction*. Competitive paper presented at the annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2016, November). *Adult children's relational uncertainty management following late-life parental divorce*. Competitive paper presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2019, February). In-law relationships. Interview for *Understanding Romantic Relationships* online class by Jennifer Harman, PhD for FutureLearn.com.

**Mikucki-Enyart, S. L.** (2019, January). "Being an Ally: 5 Strategies for Communicating Allyship." Presentation at Liberty High School's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. North Liberty, Iowa.

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT**

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2015 Research and Creative Activities Grant, University Personnel Development Committee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "Late-Life Stepfamily Formation." Funded. Amount: \$4,042. Role: PI.

2013 New Faculty Research Grant, University Personnel Development Committee, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. "Examining Adult Children's Uncertainty and Communication Following Late-Life Parental Divorce." Funded. Amount: \$2,000. Role: PI.

## **RESEARCH DISSEMINATION THROUGH MEDIA**

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2018 Featured in *Daily Telegraph* (Sydney, Australia)

2014 Featured in *Real Simple, Slate.com*.

2013 Featured in the *Wall Street Journal, Boston Globe, Huffington Post, and La Tercera* (Santiago, Chile).