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**CURRICULUM VITA**

**UNIVERSITY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Department of Communication Studies  
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**FORMAL EDUCATION**

**Ph. D. – Communication, 2004**

Arizona State University  
Hugh Downs School of Human Communication  
Interpersonal/Family Communication focus  
Dissertation: Communicative responses to the work/family tension

**M.A. – Clinical Mental Health Counseling, 2015**

University of Montana

**M.A. – Communication, 2000**

Arizona State University  
Hugh Downs School of Human Communication  
Interpersonal Communication focus  
Thesis: I wonder what's on TV tonight: An exploration of maintenance in the context of television watching

**B.S. – Communications, 1998**

Syracuse University  
Newhouse School of Communications  
Public Relations focus

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Department of Communication Studies, The University of Montana**

Professor, 2018-present  
Associate Professor, 2011-2018  
Assistant Professor, 2006-2011  
Adjunct Instructor, 2002-2006

**Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, Arizona State University**

Graduate Teaching Associate, 1998-2002

## PUBLICATIONS

- Brock, M., & **Yoshimura, C. G.** (2024). Distal sibling grief: Exploring emotional affect and salience of listener behaviors in stories of sibling death. *Personal Relationships*, 31(1), 112–131. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pere.12531>
- Yoshimura, C. G.**, & Weber, C. R. P. (2024). Disclosing bipolar disorder in romantic relationships. *Communication Reports*, 37(3), 1–16. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08934215.2024.2332703>
- Heisterkamp, B. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2023). “Dear Ian Joseph: Fathers’ memorable messages about work-family tension. In V. Waldron & T. Socha (Eds.) *Communicating Fatherhood: New Directions in Theory, Research, and Education*. New York, NY: Peter Lang.
- Yoshimura, C. G.** (2022). Family communication as health. In J. Manning, J. Allen and K. Denker (Eds.) *Family Communication as...Exploring Metaphors for Family Communication*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (2022). Family communication and transgender identity. In D. Braithwaite et al. (Eds.) *Casing Interpersonal Communication*, Third Edition. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (2021). Nurturing family connections: Communication accommodation as a vital element of trauma-informed practice in difficult family conversations. *Family Focus*, 66(1), 10-12.
- Barney, K.A. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2021). “Cleaning out the closet:” Communicated narrative sense-making of bereavement. *Journal of Family Communication*, 21(4), 255-271, <https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2021.1943399>
- Sommers-Flanagan, J., Murray, K., & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2020). Filial play therapy and other strategies for working with parents. In D. Capuzzi & M.D. Stauffer (Eds.) *Foundations of Couples, Marriage, and Family Counseling*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** & Heisterkamp, B. (2019). Expressing work-family tension management in memorable messages with co-workers. *Western Journal of Communication*, 83(4), 444-462. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10570314.2019.1590729>
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (2017). Teaching communication and conflict as a game. *Communication Teacher*, 31(4), 231-238. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17404622.2017.1358389>
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (April 2017). Turning Point Analysis. In M. Allen (Ed.) *Sage Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** & Galvin, K. (2017). Systems Theory: A Compelling View of Family Life. In D.O. Braithwaite, K. Floyd, & E. Suter (Eds.) *Engaging Theories in Family Communication*. New York: Routledge.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** & Brown-Campbell, K. (2016). Interpersonal violence and sexual assault: Trauma-informed communication approaches in university counseling centers. *Journal of College Student*

*Psychotherapy*, 30(4), 300-312. <https://doi.org/10.1080/87568225.2016.1221720>

Sommers-Flanagan, J., Murray, K., & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2014). Filial play therapy and other strategies for working with parents. In D. Capuzzi & M.D. Stauffer (Eds.) *Foundations of Couples, Marriage, and Family Counseling*. John Wiley & Sons.

**Yoshimura, C. G.** (2013). Still getting along with the in-laws: Relationships with siblings-in-law. In K. Floyd and M. T. Morman (Eds.) *Widening the circle: New research on family communication*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Yoshimura, C. G.** (2013). A dialectic approach to work-family conflict. *Northwest Journal of Communication*, 41(1), 7-40.

**Yoshimura, C. G.** (2010). The experience and communication of envy among siblings, siblings-in-law, and spouses. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 27, 1075-1088.

**Yoshimura, C.G.** & Alberts, J.K. (2008). Television viewing and relational maintenance. In M. Motley (Ed.) *Studies in Applied Interpersonal Communication*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

**Yoshimura, C.G.** and Hayden, S. (2006). The effects of gender on communication and workplace relations. In C. O'Lynn (Ed.) *Men in Nursing*. New York, NY: Springer.

**Yoshimura, C.G.** (2006). Getting along with the in-laws: Relationships with siblings-in-law. In K. Floyd and M.T. Morman (Eds.) *Widening the circle: New research on family communication* (117-127). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Alberts, J. K., **Yoshimura, C.G.**, Rabby, M. K., and Loschiavo, R. (2005). Mapping the topography of couples' daily conversations. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 22, 299-322.

Alberts, J. K. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2002) Nagging and complaining. In (J.J. Ponzetti, Ed.). *International Encyclopedia of Marital and Family Relationships*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. New York: MacMillan Reference.

Floyd, K., & **Yoshimura, C. G.** (2002). The extended self-serving bias in attribution-making about communication behavior. In A.V. Stavros (Ed.) *Advances in Communications and Media Research* (129-138). Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

#### **COMPETITIVE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

**Yoshimura, C.G.** & Asali, R. (2025). Supporting Students Through Virtual Intercultural Exchange: Palestinian-U.S. Facilitated Intercultural Discussions. Paper accepted for presentation at the Western States Communication Association Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. **Top Paper Award**

**Yoshimura, C.G.**, Tonne, J., Lane, G., & Ottersbach, Z. (2024). Fathers' Socialization of Young Children During Shared Food Experiences. Paper presented at the International Conference on Food Studies, Portalegre Portugal.

- Heisterkamp, B. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2024). "I Am Never Off Duty:" Mothers' Perspectives and Memorable Messages about Managing Work-Family Tensions. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Conference in Gold Coast, Australia.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** & Heisterkamp, B (2021). The intersections of work and care: How Fathers Talk about Work/Family Tension. Paper presented virtually at the International Communication Association Conference (held exclusively online).
- Heisterkamp, B. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2020). Memorable Messages About Work-Family Conflict. Paper presented virtually at the International Communication Association Conference scheduled for Gold Coast, Australia.
- Parrish, C.R. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2019). The Role of Bipolar Disorder, Stigma, and Hurtful Messages in Romantic Relationships. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference in Seattle, W.A.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** & Parrish, C.R. (2018). Disclosing Bipolar Disorder in Romantic Relationships. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference in Santa Clara, C.A.  
**Top Paper Award**
- Heisterkamp, B. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2016). *Expressing work-family memorable messages with co-workers*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Conference, Fukuoka, Japan.
- C.G. Yoshimura** (2015). *Parental communication and child academic outcomes throughout the developmental periods of childhood*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Spokane, WA.
- Heisterkamp, B. & **Yoshimura, C.G.** (2014). *How we talk about work and family: Work-family memorable messages and stories with co-workers*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (2009). *The experience and communication of envy among siblings, siblings-in-law, and spouses*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Mesa, AZ.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (2005). *Making a break for it: Managing the autonomy/connection dialectic between parents and college students*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, San Francisco, California.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (2004). *Siblings in law: The good, the bad, and the understudied*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- Yoshimura, C.G.** (2004). *Communicative Competence in Children*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Alberts, J.K., **Yoshimura, C.G.**, Rabby, M.K., & Loschiavo, R. (2002). *Mapping the topography of couples' daily conversation*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Long Beach, California.
- Yoshimura, C.G.**, & Loschiavo, R. (2002). *Friend or foe? The experience and expression of envy in family relationships*. Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Long Beach, California.

- Granato, C. M., & Alberts, J. K. (2001).** *Wonder if anything good's on TV tonight?: An exploration of maintenance in couples' television watching.* Paper presented at the Western States Communication Association Conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- Wade McGuire, W., Yoshimura, S. M., **Granato, C. M.,** & Heisterkamp, B. L. (2000, November). *A study of collaborative learning in four undergraduate communication courses.* Poster session presented at the meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle.

#### **AWARDS, HONORS, AND FUNDING**

- 2025 – Top Paper award for competitive paper presented to the Communication and Instruction Interest Group at the Western States Communication Association Convention, based on Palestinian-U.S. student virtual intercultural exchange I co-created with a Palestinian colleague
- 2024 – The University of Montana Davidson Honors College Special Recognition of notably positive impact on a student's Honors College experience
- 2024 – University of Montana Faculty Merit Award
- 2023 – COIL grant awarded for creating a virtual exchange program between Palestinian and U.S. students (\$1,000)
- 2023 – University of Montana Experiential Learning grant awarded for faculty/graduate student research project in collaboration with All Nations Indigenous Health Center (\$723)
- 2023 – The University of Montana Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award
- 2022 – The University of Montana Faculty Merit Award
- 2021 - The University of Montana Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2018 – Top Paper Award for competitive paper presented to the Health Communication Interest Group at the Western States Communication Association Convention
- 2017 – The University of Montana Student Wellness Advocate Award
- 2017 – Montana Justice Initiative grant awarded for research working with juvenile justice system (\$5000)

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- COMX 115: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
- COMX 230: Introduction to Organizational Communication
- COMX 241: Persuasive Communication
- COMX 311: Family Communication
- COMX 321: Introduction to Public Relations (built the course as a new offering in the department)
- COMX 322: Public Relations Writing (built the course as a new offering in the department)
- COMX 370: Relationships and the Brain (built the course as a new offering in the department)
- COMX 380: Communication and Gender
- COMX 410: Communication in Personal Relationships
- COMX 412: Communication and Conflict
- COMX 460: Communication Research Methods
- COMX 491 Relating Through Food (built the course as a new offering in the department)
- COMX 491.50 Study Abroad Component to extend COMX 491 to travel in Spain and Portugal, new faculty-led offering
- COMX 595: Graduate Seminar in Family Communication (built the course as a new offering in the department)

## GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

### Primary Advisor:

Grant Lane, M.A. (anticipated 2025)  
Rachel Jensen, M.A. (2024)  
Kiersten Falck, M.A. (2024)  
Margaret Brock, M.A., 2022  
Kendyl Barney, M.A., 2020  
Callie Parrish, M.A., 2018  
Jordan Allen, M.A., 2013  
Melissa Maier, M.A., 2008  
Kimberly Clinger, M.A., 2007

### Committee Member (second or third):

Hannah Hall, Ph.D., anticipated 5/25  
Marley Merchen, M.A., 5/24  
Shawn Deegan, M.A., 5/24  
Nik Moore, M.F.A., 5/23  
Rosemary Jeter, M.A., 5/23  
Kali Strickland, Ph.D., 12/23  
Philip Sharp, M.A., 5/22  
Alison Cutuli, M.A., 5/21

Christopher Andersen, M.A., 12/19  
Laura Obernesser, M.A., 2015  
Sara Polanchek, Ph.D., 2014  
Minkyong Cho, M.A., 2012  
Grace Silvia, Ph.D., 2010  
Kim Jacobs, M.A. 2009  
Claire Spanier, M.A., 2008  
Megan Gale, M.A., 2006  
Aneta Milojevic, M.A., 2005

## SAMPLE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES DISCIPLINE

Editorial Board, *Journal of Family Communication*, 2005-2008 and 2022-present  
Editorial Board, *Communication Studies*, 2024-present  
Editorial Board, *Western Journal of Communication*, 2013-2016  
Editorial Board, *Women's Studies in Communication*, 2003-2006  
Editorial Assistant, *Communication Monographs*, 1999-2001

Ad hoc reviewer for *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*  
Ad hoc reviewer for *Personal Relationships*  
Ad hoc reviewer for *Communication and Critical Cultural Studies*  
Ad hoc reviewer for *Communication Quarterly*  
Ad hoc reviewer for *Communication Reports*  
Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Family Communication*  
Ad hoc reviewer for *Western Journal of Communication*  
Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Intercultural Communication*  
Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Family Issues*

### Western States Communication Association:

Immediate Past President, 2023-2024  
President, 2022-2023  
President-Elect, 2020-2022  
First Vice-President, 2019-2020

Editor, *WSCA News*, 2013-2019  
Respondent, Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference, intermittently from 2013-present  
Reviewer, Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference, 2013-2020  
Second Vice President, 2012-2013  
Chair of the Interpersonal Interest Group, 2010-2011  
Chair-elect of the Interpersonal Interest Group, 2009-2010  
Secretary of the Interpersonal Interest Group, 2008-2009  
Member of Futures Committee, 2008-2009  
Paper Reader, Interpersonal Interest Group, 2007, 2013, 2016, 2018  
Legislative Assembly Credential Committee member, 2003

#### **SAMPLE OF UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA SERVICE**

Faculty Senate Chair (2024-present)  
Faculty Senate Chair-Elect (2023-2024)  
Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate Member, 2022-present  
Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Communication Studies, 2021-present  
Faculty Senate Member, 2020-present  
Faculty panelist for Office of Equal Opportunity/Title IX Hearings, 2022-present  
Traditions Committee member, 2022-present  
Reviewer for the Honor's College Presidential Scholarship, 2022  
Website Manager for the Department of Communication Studies, 2020-2022  
Hiring Committee member for VP of Marketing (2021) and VP for Student Success (2019)  
Pedagogy Project Fellow, 2017-2023  
University Research and Creativity Committee chair, 2013-2015  
University Research and Creativity Committee member, 2010-2012  
Reviewer for The University of Montana General Scholarship Program, 2005-2018  
Library Liaison for the Department of Communication Studies, 2012-2018  
Advisor, Lambda Pi Eta (Communication Student Honor Society), 2008-2009  
Online Course Evaluation Committee, 2007-2008  
Steering Committee Member of the Women's Studies Department, 2005-2008  
Graduate Student Admissions committee member, 2005-present

#### **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS**

Member, Western States Communication Association  
Member, National Communication Association  
Member, Food Studies Research Network  
Past Member, The National Council on Family Relations  
Past Member, The American Counseling Association  
Past Member, the Public Relations Society of America

**SAMPLE OF PRESENTATIONS/ TRAINING SESSIONS CONDUCTED**

- “Difficult Conversations” and “Managing Nonverbal Communication” – consultation and class presented to the University of Montana Law School Students, 2023-2024
- “Managing Communication Constructively” (6-part series), for Montana Youth Homes, 2022-2024
- “Managing Communication Constructively” (4-part series), for University of Montana Rural Institute, 2021
- “Creating a Constructive Communication Climate” and “Engaging in Productive Conflict” for Relationship Violence Services, 2016
- “Communication for Caregivers” for The Nest, St. Ignatius MT, 2016
- “Technology and the Discipline” for the National Communication Association March 18 Teleconference, 2011
- “Active Listening” for the U.S. Forest Service Leadership Conference, annually from 2003-2009
- “Letting Go: Family and the College Years” for the University of Mary Washington Parents Weekend, 2006
- “Communication for Mutual Gain” for the Salmon-Challis National Forest Service, 2006
- “The Second Shift” for the University of Montana Human Resources Professional Development Program, 2004
- “Managing Work and Family” for the Arizona Department of Health Services, 2004
- “Being Superwo(man)” for the University of Montana Human Resources Professional Development Program, 2003