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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (May 2018)

Dissertation: Understanding the Discourses of Traumatic Birth and the Transition to Motherhood Using Relational Dialectics Theory.

GPA: 4.0/4.0

M.A., Communication, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (May 2014)

Emphasis: Interpersonal Communication

GPA: 3.8/4.0

B.A., Communication Studies, Elmhurst College (May 2012)

GPA: 3.6/4.0

Emphasis: Interpersonal Communication

EXPERIENCE

Governors State University

Assistant Professor, Fall 2020- Present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2018-Summer 2020

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2012-Spring 2018

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Mediation Certificate, UWM (Spring 2014)

RESEARCH

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Timmerman, L. M., **Cronin-Fisher, V.**, & Jagiello, K. (accepted). Stigmatized disclosure in close relationships. In G. Luurs (Ed.), *Handbook of research on communication strategies for taboo topics*. IGI Global.

Cronin-Fisher, V., & Timmerman, L. M. (*In Press*). Redefining “healthy mom, healthy baby”: Making sense of traumatic birth stories through relational dialectics theory. Submitted to *Western Journal of Communication*.

Goode, J., Knight, K., Denker, K & **Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2021). Political difference in marriage: Wife’s gender linked fate and relational conflict. *Communication Studies*

- Cronin-Fisher, V., & Sahlstein Parcell, E.** (2019). Making sense of dissatisfaction during the transition to motherhood through relational dialectics theory. *Journal of Family Communication, 19*, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15267431.2019.1590364>
- Cole, A. W., Anderson, C., Bunton, T. E., Cherney, M. R., **Cronin Fisher, V.**, Draeger Jr., R., Fetherston, M., Motel, L., Nicolini, K. M., Peck, B., & Allen, M. (2017) Student predisposition to instructor feedback and perceptions of teaching presence predict motivation toward online courses. *Online Learning*.
- Odom, L., Baker, B. M. A., Sahlstein Parcell, E., & **Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2015). Communication and female date initiation: Differences in perceptions based on assertiveness of initiator. *Iowa Journal of Communication, 47*, 177-196.

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

- Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2021). Interview: Experts weigh in on current job market trends. *Zippa The Career Expert*.
- Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2017). Partial correlation. In Allen, M. (Ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of communication research methods*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2015). Dos and don'ts of relational conflict. In McCornack, S., Parcell, E., Timmerman, L., Baker, B. M. A., Cronin-Fisher, V., Dorsett, N. A., Jagiello, K. L., Johnson, R. L., & Peck, B. (3rd ed. CUSTOM), *Reflect and relate: An introduction to interpersonal communication* (pp. 20-23). Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martin's.
- Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2015). Dysfunctional relationship beliefs. In McCornack, S., Parcell, E., Timmerman, L., Baker, B. M. A., Cronin-Fisher, V., Dorsett, N. A., Jagiello, K. L., Johnson, R. L., & Peck, B. (3rd ed. CUSTOM), *Reflect and relate: An introduction to interpersonal communication* (pp. 23-24). Boston, MA: Bedford/

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Cronin-Fisher, V., & Timmerman, L. M.** (2020, November). *Redefining "healthy mom, healthy baby": Making sense of traumatic birth stories through relational dialectics theory*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Virtual.
- Anderson, L. B., **Cronin-Fisher, V.**, Davidson, R., Dobris, C. A., Hundley, H., & Sotirin, P. (2020, November). *Exploring Motherhood Studies from Methodological Crossroads* Panel presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Virtual.
- Goode, J. Knight, K., Denker, K., & **Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2020, April). (Top Paper Panel Interpersonal and Family Division). *Political Difference in Marriage: Wife's Gender Linked Fate and Relational Conflict*. Paper accepted to the the Central States Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL. (Cancelled due to COVID19)

- Cronin-Fisher, V., & Timmerman, L. M.** (2018, November). *Has anyone experienced this before?: Unpacking online information seeking and social support communication during the transition to motherhood*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Cronin-Fisher, V., Jagiello, K., & Timmerman, L. M.** (2018, November). *The inherited family: In-law relationships and impression management on Facebook*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Timmerman, L. M., **Cronin-Fisher, V., & Jagiello, K.** (2018, July). *Stigmatized disclosure: Topics and reasons for withholding from close others*. Paper presented at the International Association of Relationship Research Conference, Denver, CO.
- Cronin-Fisher, V., & Parcell, E.** (2018, April). *“Those who say new motherhood is natural, well, so is walking and that takes about a year to learn”*: Making sense of dissatisfaction during the transition to motherhood through relational dialectics theory. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Milwaukee, WI.
- Cronin-Fisher, V.**, (2018, April). *And doula makes three: Unpacking birth narratives*. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Milwaukee, WI.
- Cherney, M. R., **Cronin-Fisher, V., & Sparrow, D.** (2018, April). *“Communicative Cues of Emotion in Text Based CMC”*. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Milwaukee, WI.
- Cronin-Fisher, V., & Gross, C. M.** (2017, November). *“Protective or possessive, call it passive or aggressive”*: Communicative responses to jealousy within friendships during a time of uncertainty, Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Cronin-Fisher, V., & Jagiello, K.** (2016, November). *“I didn’t deserve any of that, and neither does anyone else”*: A qualitative analysis of the framing of online postings regarding ex-romantic partners, Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Nicolini, K. M. & **Cronin-Fisher, V.**, (2016, November). Viewer Discretion Advised: Parental control and mediation strategies for televised sexual content. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2015, November). *Control, care, and disability: Reclaiming the American birthing process*. Poster presented at the National Communication Association Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- Cronin-Fisher V., & Kohler, K.V.** (2015, April). *Village bicycle or nun? Understanding college women’s talk about sex in female friendships through a relational dialectics perspective*. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Madison, WI.
- Gross, C. M., & **Cronin-Fisher, V.** (2015, April). *Weathering the storm: The association between uncertainty reduction and coping with a major life stressor for married*

individuals. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Madison, WI.

Zmyslinski-Seelig, A. N., **Cronin-Fisher, V.**, & Gross, C. M. (2013, October). *Honey, take out the trash: Types of demand/withdraw in marital relationships*. Paper presented at the International Association of Relationship Research Conference, Louisville, KY.

Cronin, V. A. (2011, April). *Serial arguing: The influence of implicit theories of relationships and coping strategies*. Poster Presented at the conference of the Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area, Elmhurst, IL.

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Cronin-Fisher, V. (2019, October). *Making Sense of Traumatic Birth Personally and Professionally*. Featured on The Birth Hour Podcast.

Cronin-Fisher, V., & Gross, C. M. (2018, January). *Episode 11: What Should Be Taboo - Bad Poetry or Jealousy in Friendships?* Featured on Best Forevers Podcast.

Cronin-Fisher, V. (2016, November). *Navigating the waters of new motherhood*. Presentation to the Teen Parent Connection New Parents' Group, Naperville, IL.

Cronin-Fisher, V. (2013, August). *Improving interpersonal communication: Making a lasting impression*. Presentation to the Office of Admissions at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, WI.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Cronin-Fisher, V. (In Progress). Understanding Black Women's Traumatic Birth Experiences Through Relational Dialectics Theory. *Awaiting IRB Approval*.

COURSES TAUGHT

Disciplinary Survey of Communication, Media and Performance (Graduate)
Conflict Management (Undergraduate and Graduate, online)
Dark Side of Interpersonal Communication (Graduate)
Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate)
Emotional Communication (Graduate, Online)
Family Communication (Undergraduate and Graduate, face to face & online)
Advanced Public Speaking
Communication Research Methods, Quantitative and Qualitative (face to face & online)
Gender Communication
Communication Ethics
Public Discourse
Interpersonal Communication (UWM, GSU, face to face & online)
Interpersonal Communication Processes (UWM)
Public Speaking (UWM)

INDEPENDENT STUDIES (DEVELOPED AND DIRECTED)

Independent Study, Dark Side of Health Communication (Graduate, 2020)

Independent Study, Communicating Emotion (Graduate, 2020)

Independent Study, Advanced Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate, 2020)

Independent Study, Interpersonal Communication and Theory (Graduate, 2019)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Renee A. Meyers Scholarship, Awarded for excellence in teaching, research, and service, UWM, 2017-2018, \$2,000

Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, UWM, 2017-2018

Amelia Lucas Memorial Fund Scholarship, Awarded to support research, UWM, Fall 2017, \$175

Teaching Recognition Award, Department of Communication, UWM, 2016-2017

Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, UWM, 2016-2017

Amelia Lucas Memorial Fund Scholarship, Awarded to support research, UWM, Spring 2017, \$250

Melvin H. Miller Doctoral Teaching Award, Department of Communication, UWM, 2015-2016

Amelia Lucas Memorial Fund Scholarship, Awarded to support research, UWM, Fall 2016, \$250

Chancellor's Award, UWM, 2014–2015, \$10,000

Melvin H. Miller Award for Outstanding Master's Research, Department of Communication, UWM, 2014

Chancellor's Award, UWM, 2012-2013, \$1,000

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Dean's CAS Appointment for the Graduate Council for 2020-22

Member, Online Graduate Orientation Development Committee, GSU, 2020-present

Member, Technology Advisory Committee, GSU, Spring 2020- present

Committee Member, Interdisciplinary American Studies Minor, GSU, Fall 2019- present

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

CMP GA Faculty Advisor, Fall 2021-present

CMP Graduate Program Coordinator, GSU, 2020-present

NCPACE, Grader, GSU, 2020-present
Member, Organizational Communication Faculty Search Committee, GSU, Fall 2021
Scholarship Reviewer, GSU, Summer 2021
Member, Broadcast Media Studies Faculty Search Committee, GSU, Fall 2020
Member, Audio Storytelling Media Studies Faculty Search Committee, GSU, Fall 2020
Master's Thesis/Project Paper **Chair**, Lauren Shelby, GSU, Summer, 2021
Master's Thesis/Project Paper **Chair**, Mark Koswenda, GSU, Summer 2021
Master's Thesis/Project Paper **Chair**, Kyle Bergfors, GSU, Spring 2021
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Regina Richardson, GSU, Spring 2021
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Tiffany Roberts, GSU, Fall 2020
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Elise Miller, GSU, Fall 2020
Master's Thesis/Project **Chair**, Monae Drake, GSU, Fall 2020
Master's Thesis/Project **Chair**, Sabrina Slocum, GSU, Summer 2020
Master's Thesis/Project **Chair**, Cherinicole Lardino, GSU, Spring 2020
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Shonda DeVasher-Williams, GSU, Spring 2020
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Stephan Shaw, GSU, Spring 2020
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Dawn Sterning, GSU, Spring 2020
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Malaika Gaye, GSU, Fall 2019
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, LaShaunda Williams, GSU, Fall 2019
Master's Thesis/Project Paper Reader, Ernst Lamothe, GSU, Summer 2019
Judge, UW System Undergraduate Research Symposium (Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013)
Nontraditional Graduate Student Mentor, Dept. of Communication, UWM (Fall 2016)
Volunteer, NCA Graduate Recruiting Fair (Fall 2015)
Faculty Committee Liaison, Dept. of Communication, UWM (Spring 2015)
Volunteer, CSCA Graduate Recruiting Fair (Spring 2015)
Master's Student Mentor Coordinator, UWM (2013-2014)
Public Speaking Showcase Judge, UWM (2012)
Events Coordinator, Dept. of Communication, UWM (Spring 2013)
President, Lambda Pi Eta, Elmhurst College (2011–2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, Western Journal of Communication (2020-present)
Chair, Health Communication, National Communication Association (2020)
Reviewer, Health Communication, National Communication Association (2020-present)
Reviewer, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (2019- present)
Reviewer, Journal of Family Communication (2019-present)
Reviewer, Applied Communication, National Communication Association (2019-present)
Reviewer, Graduate Student Caucus, Central States Communication Association (2017)
Reviewer, Graduate Student Caucus, Central States Communication Association (2016)
Volunteer, National Communication Association (2015)
Reviewer, Graduate Student Caucus, Central States Communication Association (2015)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Small Group Facilitator, Homewood-Flossmoor Peaceology Forum (2019)

GRANTS

Elmhurst College Research Grant to support the project titled, “The influence of implicit theories of relationships and coping strategies,” \$3,000 (Summer 2011)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Student Equity, Governors State University Symposium (Fall 2019)

Faculty Development Day, GSU (Fall 2019)

Reducing Prejudice and Promoting Inclusiveness, GSU (Fall 2018)

The Adult Learner, Governors State University Symposium (Fall 2018)

Safe Zone Training, GSU, (Fall 2018)

Faculty Development Day, GSU (Fall 2019)

Student Equity, Governors State University Symposium (Fall 2019)