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Education:

Ph.D., Communication
Texas A&M University

M.A., Communication
Western Kentucky University

B.A., Speech Communication (Summa Cum Laude)
Olivet Nazarene University

Teaching Appointments:

Senior Lecturer of Communication Studies, 2020-Present
Communication Studies Program Area Lead 2024-2025
School of Communication, Film, and Media
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Lecturer of Communication Studies, 2015-2020
Department of Mass Communications
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Instructional Assistant Professor, 2014-2015
Department of Communication
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Lecturer of Communication, 2012-2014
Department of Communication
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Lecturer of Speech Communication, 2008-2012
Department of Communication
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Adjunct Professor, Spring 2009
Department of Humanities
Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, GA

Assistant Professor of Speech Communication, 2007-2008
Department of Speech Communication

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University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2004-2006
Department of Communication
Texas A & M University, College Station, TX

Graduate Research Assistant, 2004
Department of Communication
Texas A & M University, College Station, TX

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2003
Department of Communication
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Adjunct Faculty of Communication, 2003
Department of Communication
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2002
Department of Communication
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Graduate Research Assistant, 2001-2002
Department of Communication
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Courses Taught:

Advanced Communication Skills (Face-to-Face and Online)
Advanced Interpersonal Communication (Hybrid and Online)
Advanced Public Speaking (Face-to-Face)
Argumentation and Debate (Face-to-Face)
Communication and Conflict (Face-to-Face, Hybrid, and Online)
Communication Research Methods (Face-to-Face)
Communication Theory (Online)
Gender and Communication (Face-to-Face and Online)
Health Communication (Face-to-Face and Hybrid)
Human Communication (Face-to-Face and Online)
Intercultural Communication (Face-to-Face, Hybrid, and Online)
Interpersonal Communication (Face-to-Face, Hybrid, and Online)
Interracial Communication (Face-to-Face)
Interviewing Principles and Practices (Face-to-Face)
Listening (Face-to-Face)
Media, Culture, & Society (Face-to-Face)
Persuasion (Face-to-Face and Online)

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Public Speaking (Face-to-Face, Hybrid, and Online)

Curriculum Development:

Led the development of the Communication Studies Minor at the University of West Georgia

- Grew the Communication Studies area from three courses (Public Speaking, Advanced Communication Skills, and Persuasion) to ten courses that represent various Communication Studies sub-disciplines

Led the development of two successful Communication Studies Certificates

- Communication in the Workplace Certificate
- Health Communication Certificate

Professional Experience:

Research Assistant, 2003

Leadership Strategies, Inc. Consulting Firm

Bowling Green, KY

- Researched community service organizations
- Worked with a team of researchers to conduct a needs assessment of one county for clients determining long-term budget allocations
- Conducted and analyzed focus group research
- Presented research findings with team to clients and received funding to continue project for 5 additional counties

Marketing Representative for Adult Education Programs in Business and Nursing, 2000-2001

Institute for Professional Development

Bourbonnais, IL

- Formed relationships with hospitals and nursing homes in order to market our programs to nurses on staff
- Formed relationships with local community colleges in order to market our programs to recent graduates
- Participated in several education fairs
- Responsible for Northern & Central Illinois Regions

Public Relations Representative, 1996-2000

Olivet Nazarene University

Bourbonnais, IL

- Traveled a four-state region (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin) recruiting students for admissions
- Hosted over 100 on-campus functions as representative for the Office of Admissions, the Office of Alumni Relations, and the Office of Institutional Advancement

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- Served as student representative to Donor Relations Events hosted by the President of the University

Continuing Education Presentations:

Delivering Effective Presentations August 2023

Douglasville City Employees
Douglasville, GA

Listening: The Most Overlooked Part of Communication September 2023

Douglasville City Employees
Douglasville, GA

Know your Default Conflict Management Style and How to Break Out of It October 2023

Douglasville City Employees
Douglasville, GA

Active Listening October 2023

University of West Georgia Human Resources Department Employees
Carrollton, GA

Understanding Conflict Drivers: Why are We Really Disagreeing? March 2024

Douglasville City Employees
Douglasville, GA

Active Listening March 2024

Greystone Employees
Hiram, GA

Understanding the Role Power Plays in Conflict April 2024

Douglasville City Employees
Douglasville, GA

Listening for Managers and Managing Supervisors August 2024

University of West Georgia Continuing Education Course for Area Managers
Carrollton, GA

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Research Interests

Health Communication in Patient-Provider Interactions

Interpersonal/Intercultural Communication

Conference Presentations:

Wilson, M.M. (2020, April). Understanding hospitals as sites of disruptive communicative turning points using Frasier's *Room with a View*. Panel presentation accepted to the Southern States Communication Association, Frisco, TX. [Presentation canceled due to COVID]

Wilson, M.M. (2018, April). Communication about and with children in black-white interracial relationships. Panel presentation at the Southern States Communication Association, Nashville, TN.

Wilson, M.M. (2016, April). Exploring the embracing race vs. rejecting race dialectic in Black-White romantic relationships. Panel presentation at the Southern States Communication Association Conference, Austin, TX.

Wilson, M.M. (2015, April) Coming out narratives: Exploring how interracial partners reveal their relationship to family and friends. Panel presentation at the Southern States Communication Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

Wilson, M.M. (2013, November). Black school: The transformation (or not) of white identity in black-white interracial relationships. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Washington, D.C.

Wilson, M.M. (2009, November). *A whiteness scavenger hunt*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL

Wilson, M.M. (2009, November). *Exploring messages from the family in black-white dyads*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL

Wilson, M.M. (2008, November). *Experiential learning: Intercultural students' conversation pairs share dinner and a movie*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

Wilson, M.M. (2008, November). *Unconventional news: An exercise in exploring international newspapers and global framing*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

Wilson, M.M. (2005, May). *Who am I? Who are we? How children's hospitals' mission statements reflect membership negotiation and institutional positioning*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Conference, New York, NY.

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Wilson, M.M. (2002, November). *Boy meets girl: A narrative analysis of first dates*. Paper presented at Spotlight on Graduate Student Research, Communication Week, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY.

Wilson, M.M. (2001, October). *Symbolic convergence and the nation's response to 9/11*. Paper presented at Response to 9/11 Colloquium, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY.

Grants:

Grant for introduction to grant-writing (\$5000) to learn how to research and apply for external funding, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia, 2019

Grant for course redesign (\$5000) to redesign introductory Public Speaking course, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia, 2018

Grant for advanced online course development (\$5000) to learn advance online course design, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia, 2017

Grant for online course development (\$2500) to learn basic online course design and Quality Matters criteria, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia, 2016

Grant for Writing across the Curriculum (\$2500) to design Intercultural course that teaches critical thinking through writing, Georgia State University, 2012

Grant for Series on Work-Balance Issues for Working Women, Western Kentucky University, 2002

Honors/Awards:

Best of the West Nomination for Teaching, 2019
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Best of the West Nomination for Values, 2018
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Best of the West Nomination for Mentoring, 2017
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Visionary Leadership Award, 2017
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Georgia Board of Regents Department Teaching Excellence Award, 2016
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Aggie Belle (Developing Women to Be Leaders) Mentor/Speaker, Fall 2013

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Texas A&M Aggie Belles, College Station, TX

“Favorite Faculty Member” Recognition, Spring 2013
Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, College Station, TX

Top 10 Paper Award in G.I.F.T.S. (Great Ideas for Teaching Speech) for International
News Framing Activity, November 2008
National Communication Association Conference

Tiffany Hunnicutt Graduate Teacher of the Year Award, May 2007
Department of Communication, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX

Guest Coach for Women’s Basketball, January 2007
Texas A & M University, College Station, TX

Conversation Partner with Class Councils, 2006
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Departmental Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Communication, 2002
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Departmental Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Communication.
Based on Solid Personal Character and Scholarship, 2000
Department of Speech Communication, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL

Committee/Institution Service:

Service to University and Department:

Communication Studies Area Committee, 2015-Present/ 2024-2025 Chair
School of Communication, Film, & Media
University of West Georgia

Dean’s Executive Committee, 2024-2025
School of Communication, Film, and Media
University of West Georgia

Member, Search Committee for Director of Debate, 2025
School of Communication, Film and Media
University of West Georgia

Dean’s Review Committee, 2024-2025
School of Communication, Film, and Media
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Member, Faculty Senate Sub-Committee/Student Affairs and Intercollegiate Athletics,
2023 & 2025-2026
University of West Georgia

Judge, Gibson Public Speaking Tournament, 2024
School of Communication, Film, & Media
University of West Georgia

Representative for Communication Studies, Faculty Council, 2021-2023
School of Communication, Film, & Media
University of West Georgia

Member, Media Day Awards Committee, 2020
School of Communication, Film, & Media
University of West Georgia

Chair, Media Day Professional Communication Sub-Committee, 2019- 2020
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Member, Professional Growth and Development Fund Distribution Guidelines
Committee, 2019
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Member, Best of the West Committee, 2019
College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia

Communication Studies/ Mass Communications Representative for Major Flix, Fall 2019
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Communication Studies Representative, Search Committee for Permanent Chair, 2019
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Communication Studies Representative, Search Committee for Interim Chair, 2018-2019
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Chair, Steering Committee for Communication Studies Spring Symposium, 2018-2019
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Member, Diversity Committee, 2017-2019
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Member, Gibson Public Speaking Contest Steering Committee, 2015-2023
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Member, Steering Committee for Communication Studies Spring Symposium, 2016-2017
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

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Member, Media Day Professional Communication Sub-Committee, 2015-2020
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Department Representative for UWG Preview Days, Fall 2015
Department of Mass Communications, University of West Georgia

Student Communication Association Advisor, 2014-2015
Department of Communication, Texas A&M University

Chair, Undergraduate Majors Assessment Committee, 2014-2015
Department of Communication, Texas A&M University

Communication Lecturer Search Committee, 2014
Department of Communication, Texas A&M University

Online Education Committee, 2012-2015
Department of Communication, Texas A&M University

Speech Communication-Communication Disorders Lecturer Search Committee, 2012
Department of Communication, Georgia State University

Speech Communication-Communication Studies Lecturer Search Committee, 2012
Department of Communication, Georgia State University

Judge, Annual Public Speaking Contest, 2008-2012
Department of Communication, Georgia State University

Director of Public Speaking Course, 2010-2012
Department of Communication, Georgia State University

Speech Area Assessment Coordinator, 2010-2012
Department of Communication, Georgia State University

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Area Representative), 2009-2012
Department of Communication, Georgia State University

Speech Area Committee, 2008-2012
Department of Communication, Georgia State University

Communication Department Service Committee, 2008
Department of Speech Communication, University of Arkansas at Little Rock,

Chancellor's Committee for Racial Awareness, 2007-2008
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Diversity Committee, 2005-2007

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Department of Communication, Texas A & M University

Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison, 2006-2007

Department of Communication, Texas A & M University

Student Undergraduate Research Program Mentor, 2006

College of Arts & Sciences, Texas A & M University

Nuevo Dia (Southwestern Organizational Communication Conference) Publicity Committee, 2005-2006

Department of Communication, Texas A & M University

Communication Week Graduate Student Planning Committee 2001-2002

Department of Communication, Western Kentucky University

Service to Community:

Private volunteer GED tutor, 2024

Public Speaking Instruction, 2012

Brookhaven United Methodist Church

Volunteer, 2009

Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta

- Worked with refugees to create resumes
- Worked with refugees to make cultural transition into US life and establish gainful employment

Volunteer, 2008-2009

Hands on Atlanta

Volunteer: After-school Tutor, 2006-2007

Lincoln Center Boys and Girls Club

Talent Judge, July 2006

City of Caldwell, TX, Speech Contest

- Judged public speaking contest for local community group

Service to Profession:

Paper Reviewer, 2014

International Listening Association Division

National Communication Association Conference

Judge for Graduate Teaching Award, 2012

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Texas Speech Communication Association

Professional References

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