**Curriculum vitae**

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**I. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

**A. Education**

**Ph.D., Communication Studies,** Expected: May 2020

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

Advisor: Erin Ruppel, Ph.D.

**M.A., Communication Studies,** May 2016

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

**Thesis Title:** The role of sexual self-disclosure in partner relational satisfaction and uncertainty

Advisor: Autumn Edwards, Ph.D.

**B.A., Interpersonal Communication,** December 2013

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

**Capstone Project Title**: Motives for Facebook use

**A.A., Secondary Education,** May 2011

Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, MI

**B. Academic Positions**

August 2016 – Present **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication

**University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**

August 2014 – May 2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, School of Communication

**Western Michigan University**

**C. Other Affiliations**

2016 – Present **Post-Graduate Fellow**, Communication & Social Robotics Laboratory, **Western Michigan University**

**D. Relevant Employment**

April – September 2015-2017 **Assistant Director**

4-H Camp Kidwell, Bloomingdale, MI

February – August 2014 **Online Marketing Manager for SEO & PPC**

TAW Global, LLC, Portage, MI

May 2010 – June 2014 **Challenge Course Facilitator**

Allegan County Community Mental Health, Allegan, MI

August – December 2014 **Peer Career Coach**

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

October 2011 – September 2013 **Social Skills Instructor**

Family & Children Services, Kalamazoo, MI

**II. SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. **Publications**

Allen, M., Bourhis, J., Burrell, N., Benedict, B., Adebayo, T. O., Cherney, M.,… **Richards, R.** (2017). Evaluation of master’s program on the basis of Google citations*. Journal of the Association for Communication Administration*, *36*(2), 51-69.

**Richards, R.**, Coss, C., & Quinn, J. (2017, April). Exploration of relational factors and the likelihood of a sexual robotic experience. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science,* 97-103. doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-57738-8\_9

1. **Conference Paper Presentations**

Kim, S.Y., **Richards, R.,** Ko, Y., & Cole, A.W. (accepted). *Can CDC say “you, stop drinking soda”: Source illegitimacy and psychological reactance*. To be presented at the104th annual National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

Kim, S. Y., Allen, M., Cole, A. W., **Richards, R**., Ko, Y. (accepted). *Counter-attitudinal communication as a cause of psychological reactance: Evidence from intertwined model of psychological reactance (IMPR).* To be presented at the 104th annual National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Richards, R.** (accepted). *Sexting as playful sexual communication: An investment model perspective*. To be presented at the104th annual National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

Ruppel, E. K., Quinn, S. F., Cherney, M. R., & **Richards, R.** (2018, July). *Effects of mediated communication on relational conflict behavior, subjective physiological arousal, and affect*. Presented at the International Association for Relationship Research, Fort Collins, CO.

**Richards, R.** (2018, July). *Sexting as affectionate communication in romantic relationships*. Presented at the International Association for Relationship Research, Fort Collins, CO.

**Richards, R.** & Beattie, A. J. (2018, May). *The role of social presence in human-robot interaction research: A meta-analysis*. Manuscript presented at the 68th annual International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic.

Beattie, A. J. & **Richards, R.** (2018, May). *Welcoming our robot confidants: Expectations of interactions with socially supportive robots*. Manuscript presented at the 68th annual International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic.

**Richards, R.**, & Reyes, E. (2018, April). *The role of emotional intelligence in romantic partner satisfaction, depression, and demand withdraw*. Manuscript presented at the 85th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI. (**Top Paper Panel**)

Peck, B. S., & **Richards, R.** (2018, April). *Sexting through the ages: A critical review of sexting in romantic relationships research*. Manuscript presented at the 85th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.

**Richards, R.**, Coss, C., & Quinn, J. (2016, December). *Exploration of relational factors and the likelihood of a sexual robotic experience*. Manuscript presented at the 2nd annual International Congress of Love and Sex with Robots, London, UK.

**Richards, R.** (2016, April). *Baxter & Watzlawick: Interpersonal legends*, Manuscript presented at the 83rd annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Grand Rapids, MI.

Mishne, E., **Richards, R.**, Stoll, B., & Davidson, J. (2016, April). *Examining the motives and styles of online flirting*, Manuscript presented at the 83rd annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Grand Rapids, MI.

Mishne, E., **Richards, R.**, Stagner, C., & Attar, N. (2016, March). *Student motivation for attending college and the impact on academic success*, Manuscript presented at the annual convention of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, & Letters, Saginaw Valley, MI.

**Richards, R.** (2014, April). *Communication expression and management of romantic jealousy*. Poster presented at the 81st annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

**C. Conference Discussion Panels**

*Beyond Publications: Making a Difference beyond the Ivory Tower*, Graduate Student Caucus, presented at the 85th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI. (**Top Panel**)

*When the Experts Don’t Agree: Navigating Differences in Faculty Advice*, Graduate Student Caucus, presented at the 85th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.

*Typos, Tumbles, and Toilet Paper: Scholarly Mistakes that Can Bite You in the Class*, Graduate Student Caucus, presented at the 85th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.

*Creating a Research Agenda as a Graduate Student*, Graduate Student Caucus, presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

*Creating Work/Life Balance: Fostering Flexibility, Determination, and Self-Empathy,* Graduate Student Caucus, presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN. (**Top Panel)**

*How to Not Fall Asleep During Class: A Guide to Creative, Nontraditional Teaching Techniques for the Basic Communication Course*, Graduate Student Caucus, presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

**D. Book Chapters**

**Richards, R.** (2018). Research: From the ivory tower to industry. In M. Allen (ed.), *Business and Professional Communication* (pp. 143-151).

**Richards, R.** (2017). Relationships in the workplace: The good & the bad. In M. Allen (Ed.), *Business and Professional Communication* (pp. 105-111).

**E. Works in Progress**

Zhou, Y., & **Richards, R.** (in data collection). Exploring attitudes of the general public towards the role of sex robots in dealing with sexuality-related individual and social problems.

**Richards, R.** (in final write up). Sexting and commitment: An investment model perspective. To be submitted to the National Communication Association.

**Richards, R.** (submitting IRB). Sexual communication and sexual consent between romantic dyads. To be submitted to the International Association for Relationship Research.

**Richards, R.** (submitting IRB). Emotional intelligence and demand-withdraw between romantic dyads. To be submitted to the annual Central States Communication Association.

Beattie, A. J., **Richards, R**., & Edwards, A. (Submitting IRB). Willingness to play with a robot. To be submitted to the annual National Communication Association.

Sells, A., **Richards, R**., & Allen, M. (in final write up). Elderly technology use. To be submitted to the annual National Communication Association.

**Richards, R.** (accepted) Bedroom bots: The future of human-robot relationships. Paper to be presented at the 67th annual International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.

**Richards, R.** (in final write up). Too Sexy to Compute: A demographic analysis of the likelihood to have sex with a robot. To be submitted to *Multimodal Technologies and Interaction.*

**Richards, R.** & Baker, M. (in data analysis). *To disclose or not disclose: A look into disclosure of former partners to current partners.*

**Richards, R.**, & Adebayo, C. (in data analysis). *Social relationships and health benefits: An analysis of the Wisconsin longitudinal study.*

**Richards, R.** (in data collection). *Let’s get down to business: A comparison of romantic relationships and friends with benefits through a relational uncertainty lens*.

**Richards, R.** (in data collection). *The role of sexual self-disclosure in partner relational satisfaction and uncertainty*.

**Richards, R**., & Jagiello, K. (submitting IRB) *Attitudes toward taboo topics scale*.

**F. Invited Talks**

**Richards, R.** *Press start to download my heart: A lovotics perspective*. Invited department presentation (School of Communication). Western Michigan University (2018, February).

**Richards, R.** *Lovotics: Love in a digital age*. Invited class presentation (Human Machine Communication). Western Michigan University, Dr. Chad Edwards & Dr. Autumn Edwards (2017, November).

**G. Awards**

2018 Melvin H Miller (Service) Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Dept. of Communication ($100)

2018 Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Graduate School ($1,500)

2018 John Paul Jones (Research) Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Dept. of Communication ($200)

2018 John Paul Jones (Research Travel) Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Dept. of Communication ($300)

2018 Top Panel, Graduate Student Caucus, Central States Communication Association ($50)

2017 Graduate Travel Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Graduate School ($250)

2017 Research Travel Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Dept. of Communication ($200)

2017 Top Panel,Graduate Student Caucus Division, Central States Communication Association ($50)

2016 Chancellor’s Fellowship Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee ($8,000)

2013 Order of Omega, Leadership Honor Society

**III. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**A. Service to the Discipline**

*Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer*

2018 - Communication Studies

2018 - Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace

2018 - International Journal of Psychology

2018 - Journal of Aging and Health

*Administrative Positions*

2020 Chair, Instructional Resources Division, Central States Communication Association

2019 Vice Chair, Instructional Resources Division, Central States Communication Association

2018 Secretary, Instructional Resources Division, Central States Communication Association

2018 Chair, Graduate Student Caucus Division, Central States Communication Association

2017 Vice Chair, Graduate Student Caucus Division, Central States Communication Association

2016 Secretary, Graduate Student Caucus Division, Central States Communication Association

2016 Local Arrangements Chair Assistant, Central States Communication Association

*Conference Reviewer*

2017 - 2018 Human Communication and Technology division, National Communication Association

2017 - International Congress on Love & Sex with Robots

2016 - 2018 Communication Theory Interest Group, Central States Communication Association

2016 - 2018 Student Section, National Communication Association

2016 - 2017 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Caucus, Central States Communication Association

2015 Basic Course Division, Central States Communication Association

*Conference Panel Chair/Respondent*

2018 Respondent for *Making Sense of Communication: Relation(ships), Identity, and Conversations* at the 104th annual convention of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

2018 Organizer & Chair for *Beyond Publications: Making a Difference beyond the Ivory Tower* at the 85th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI. (**Top Panel**)

2018 Respondent for *Scars of Survival: A family Perspective on Difficult Times*. Paper panel presented at the 85th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI.

2017 Chair for *Sexting, Lying, and Creeping: Relational Interactions and Technology (Mis)use*. Paper panel presented at the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX.

2017 Chair & Respondent for the undergraduate honors research conference. Paper panel presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

2017 Judge for the undergraduate honors research poster session. Posters presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

2017 Respondent for *You Want My Thesis Revisions WHEN?! Creating a Dialogue between Media Faculty and Graduate Students*. Panel presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central State Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

2017 Respondent for *Paradigms and Pop Culture: Creating New Understandings of Our Modern World*. Paper panel presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central State Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN.

2017 Organizer & Chair for *Creating Work/Life Balance: Fostering Flexibility, Determination, and Self-Empathy*. Panel presented at the 84th annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN. (**Top Panel**)

2017 Respondent for *Top Paper Panel* in the Graduate Student Caucus Division of the 84th annual convention of the Central States Communication, Minneapolis, MN.

2016 Chair & Respondent for *Emerging Graduate Student Scholarship*. Paper panel presented at the 83rd annual convention of the Central States Communication Association, Grand Rapids, MI.

**B. College and Department Service**

2018 - President, Communication Graduate Student Council, Dept. of Communication, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

2017 - Mentor to incoming PhD students: Bridgett Brzezinski (2018), Jess Kahlow (2017)

2017 - 2018 Treasurer, Communication Graduate Student Council, Dept. of Communication, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

2017 - Judge, Undergraduate Speaking Showcase, SP17, FA17, SP18

2017 Ph.D. Faculty Advisory Committee Representative**,** Communication Graduate Student Council, Dept. of Communication, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

2016 - Met with interested graduate student applicants, Dept. of Communication, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (Oct., ‘16, March, ’17, April ’17, Feb ‘18, March ‘18)

2016 – 2017Undergraduate Committee Representative, Communication Graduate Student Council, Dept. of Communication, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

2016 Registration volunteer, Central States Communication Association

2015 – 2016 Public Relations Officer,Graduate Communication Organization, Western Michigan University

2015 Met with interested graduate student applications at NCA, School of Communication, Western Michigan University

**C. University Service**

2018, April Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

2017, September Facilitator, Common Reading Experience, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

2014, December Member, Fall Welcome Coordinator Interview Committee, Western Michigan University

**D. Extracurricular University Service**

2014 - Advisor, Pi Kappa Phi, Western Michigan University

**E. Community Service**

2017, March Career coach guide, My life My plan, Milwaukee Talent Dividend

**IV. TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

F = Fall, S = Spring, M = Summer, W = Winterim

**University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (2016 – Present)**

Human Communication and Technology: F18 (Instructor of Record, online)

Quantitative Research in Communication: F17, S18, F18 (Instructor of Record, face-to-face)

Business & Professional Communication: F16, S17, M17, F17, W18, S18, M18 (Instructor of Record, face-to-face and online)

**Western Michigan University (2014-2016)**

Intro to Public Relations: S16 (Teaching Assistant)

Communication Inquiry (methods): F15, S16 (Teaching Assistant)

Global Media Literacy: F15 (Teaching Assistant)

Communication and Community Engagement: F14, S15 (Lab Instructor)

**VI. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

2018 – Present International Association of Relationship Research

2017 – Present International Communication Association

2016 – Present International Congress of Love & Sex with Robots

2014 – Present National Communication Association

2013 – Present Central States Communication Association

**VII. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**A. Department**

2018, September Where Should I Work? Part 1

2018, April Practice job talk, Samantha Quinn

2018, March CSCA practice session

2018, March Why and How to Do Collaborative Research, Kari Whittenburger-Keith

2017, December Cohort Development session, Drs. Sang Kim & Leslie Harris

2017, November NCA practice session

2017, October Practical and Pedagogical Uses of Screen flow, John Jordan

2017, September Research talk, Tricia Burke (Texas State University)

2017, March Initiative for increasing student diversity, Mary Kao Xiong

2017, March CSCA practice session

2017, March Practice job talk, Arrington Stoll

2017, February Research talk, Mary Lynn Henningsen (Northern Illinois University)

2017, January Practice job talk, Ben Baker

2016, December Cohort Development session, first-year portfolio, Dr. Erik Timmerman

2016, November NCA practice session

2016, October Research talk, Mary Stuckey

2016, September Research talk, Tony Adams (Northeastern Illinois University)

2016, August LGBT safe space training

2016, August Graduate orientation and welcome

2015, October Curriculum Vita workshop, Western Michigan University, Dr. Julie Apker

**B. University**

2018, February Developing a Writing Habit, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Graduate school

2017, May Publish, Young Padawan, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Graduate school

2016, October Grant writing, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Graduate school

**C. External**

2017, November Straight Talk about Teaching Communication Research Methods, short course at NCA, presented by Drs. Ken Lachlan, Robert Westernfelhaus, Sayde Brais, and Brandy Stamper.

2015, July NCA Institute for Faculty Development (Hope Conference)