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Education

- Ph.D. **University of Oklahoma**, Anticipated May 2007: Communication Studies
Advisor and Chair: Dr. Dan O'Hair
Dissertation title: Long term care facilities' emergency response communication: The divergence between facility staff and community residents understanding and implementation of emergency procedures.
- M.A. **University of Houston**, 1997: Public Relations Studies
Advisor and Chair: Dr. Robert L. Heath
Thesis title: The rhetorical tactics of the immigration restriction league: An anti-immigration social movement organization, 1894-1924.
- B.A. **University of Houston-Downtown**, 1990: General Studies

Professional Experience

2006-present	Research Assistant	Institute for Communication Research University of Oklahoma
2003-present	Graduate Teaching Assistant	Department of Communication University of Oklahoma
2005-2006	Basic Course Director	Department of Communication University of Oklahoma
1993-2003	Adjunct Faculty	School of Communication University of Houston
1991-1993	Communication Coordinator	American General Corporation Houston, Texas

Publications

- Query, J. L., Wright, K. B., & Gilchrist, E. S. (in press). Communication and cancer hospice care: Towards negotiating attitudinal and research obstacles. In D. O'Hair, L. Sparks, & G. L. Kreps (Eds.), *Handbook of cancer care and communication* (pp. 293-312). Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press.
- Pfau, M., Ivanov, B., Houston, B., Haigh, M., Sims, J., Gilchrist, E. S., Russell, J., Wigley, S., Eckstein, J., & Richert, N. (2005). Inoculation and mental processing: The instrumental role of associative networks in the process of resistance to counterattitudinal influence. *Communication Monographs*, 72(4), 414-441.
- Query, J. L., Wright, K. B., & Gilchrist, E. S. (2004, January/April). Communication Yearbook 25: Key strengths and growth needs. In *Review of Communication*, 4 (1-2), pp. 106-113. National Communication Association (NCA) online e-journal, Routledge Publishing.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Sims, J. D., Gilchrist, E. S., Siriko, T., Cunningham, C., & Falsarella, V. Sick and tired: Employee expectations of job satisfaction, organizational climate, and coping behaviors in assisted living centers. Under review at *Health Communication*
- Johnson, A. J., Wright, K. B., Craig, E. A., Gilchrist, E. S., Lane, L. T., & Haigh, M. M. A model for predicting stress levels and marital satisfaction for residential and nonresidential stepmothers utilizing a social exchange approach. Under review at *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*
- Johnson, A. J., Becker, J. A. H., Craig, E. A., Gilchrist, E. S., & Haigh, M. M. Changes in friendship commitment: Comparing geographically close and long distance young adult friendships. Under review at *Communication Quarterly*.
- Becker, J. A. H., Johnson, A. J., Craig, E. A., Gilchrist, E. S., Haigh, M. M., & Lane, L. T. Turning points related to changes in the friendship level of geographically close and long distance friendships. Under review at *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Johnson, A. J., Craig, E. A., Haigh, M. M., Gilchrist, E. S., Lane, L. T., & Welch, N. S. Stepfamilies interfacing outside the home: Barriers to stepparent/stepchild communication with educational, medical, and legal personnel. Chapter included in T. J. Socha & G. H. Stamp (Eds.), *Parents, children, and communication II: Interfacing outside of the home*, a book proposal currently under review at *Lawrence Erlbaum*.

Manuscripts In Progress

- Gilchrist, E. S. "Providing social support to the elderly: The role of adult day care center employees and volunteers."
- Gilchrist, E. S. "A bird in the hand is worth one case of the flu: Mass media framing to shape public perception of the "bird flu."
- Gilchrist, E. S. "My parents just divorced, now who do I tell?: Adolescent self-disclosure of parental marital status."
- O'Hair, D., Gilchrist, E. S., Thompson, S., & Villagran, M. "Physician referral patterns in elderly cancer care."
- O'Hair, D., Potts, K., Lane, L., Cunningham, C., Siriko, T., & Gilchrist, E. S. "Risk communication and emergency management."
- Wright, K. B., Miller, C. H., Becker, J., Gilchrist, E. S., & Siriko, T. "A measure of weak tie/strong tie support network preference: Theoretical rationale, development, and validation of the W/STNP scale."

Honors and Awards

Participant, NCA 2005 National Doctoral Honors Seminar, Communication Theory Division.
Under the direction of Roxanne Parrott, Austin Babrow, and Sandra Petronio.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, University of Oklahoma Graduate College, 2006
One of two university-wide recipients. Award carried a \$1,000 stipend.

Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Oklahoma, Department of Communication, 2005
One of three department-wide recipients. Award carried a \$100 stipend.

Top Paper Award, International Communication Association, 2005 Convention, New York.
Information Systems Division. Pfau, M., Ivanov, B., Houston, B., Haigh, M., Sims, J.,
Gilchrist, E. S., Russell, J., Wigley, S., Eckstein, J., & Richert, N. (2005, May).
“Inoculation and mental processing: The instrumental role of associative networks in the
process of resistance to counterattitudinal influence.”

Top Student Paper Award, Central States Communication Association, 2006 Convention,
Indianapolis, Health Communication Division. Sims, J. D., Gilchrist, E. S., Siriko, T.,
Cunningham, C., & Falsarella, V. (2006, April). “Sick and tired: Employee expectations
of job satisfaction, organizational climate, and coping behaviors in assisted living
centers.”

Second Century Scholarship, University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences, 2006-
2007. \$1,500.

Research Interests

The expression of decision-making processes, social support, and personal influence strategies
across selected health, group, family, and organizational contexts often with a focus on elderly
and end-of-life populations.

Courses Taught**University of Oklahoma:**

COMM 3633 – Health Communication
COMM 2613 – Public Speaking
COMM 1113 – Principles of Communication
Department of Defense Guest Lecturer:
 Interpersonal Communication
 Nonverbal Communication

University of Houston:

COMM 3356 – Business and Professional Communication
COMM 1304 – Principles of Communication
Guest lecturer:
 COMM 1302 – Introduction to Communication Theory
 COMM 4397 – Health Communication

Convention Presentations

- Gilchrist, E. S., & Peterson, L. (2006, November). "A content analysis of a decade of change in newspaper coverage of disability issues" Paper *to be* presented at the National Communication Association convention, San Antonio, Disability Issues Caucus.
- Becker, J. A. H., Johnson, A. J., Craig, E. A., Gilchrist, E. S., Haigh, M., & Lane, L. (2006, November). "Turning points related to changes in the friendship level of geographically close and long distance friendships." Paper *to be* presented at the National Communication Association convention, San Antonio, Interpersonal Communication Division
- Johnson, A. J., Wright, K., Craig, E. A., Gilchrist, E. S., Lane, L., & Haigh, M. (2006, November). "Predicting stress levels in residential and nonresidential stepmothers: The influence of social support, role clarity, and household and childcare responsibilities." Paper *to be* presented at the National Communication Association convention, San Antonio, Family Communication Division
- Johnson, A. J., Becker, J. A. H., Craig, E. A., Gilchrist, E. S., & Haigh, M. (2006, May). "Changes in friendship commitment: Comparing geographically close and long distance friendships." Paper presented at the annual International Communication Association convention, Dresden, Germany, Interpersonal Communication Division.
- Sims, J. D., Gilchrist, E. S., Siriko, T., Cunningham, C., & Falsarella, V. (2006, April). "Sick and tired: Employee expectations of job satisfaction, organizational climate, and coping behaviors in assisted living centers." Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association convention, Indianapolis, Health Communication Division.
****Top Student Paper in Health Communication Division****
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2006, April). "Shaping the future of elderly care." Panel organized and facilitated at the Central States Communication Association convention, Indianapolis, Health Communication Division.
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Query, J. L. (2006, April). "Mentors and mentees in health communication: Seasoned and new scholars celebrate networking relationships." Panel participant at the Central States Communication Association convention, Indianapolis, Health Communication Division.
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Query, J. L. (2006, April). "Seeing the diamond in the rough: Scholars and students celebrating communication mentorship." Panel participant at the 2006 Central States Communication Association convention, Indianapolis, Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Interest Group.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2005, November). "Providing social support to the elderly: The role of adult day care center employees and volunteers." Paper presented at the National Communication Association convention, Boston, Interpersonal Communication Division.
- Wright, K. B., Gilchrist, E. S., Becker, J., & Siriko, T. (2005, November). "Communication within weak tie/strong tie support networks." Paper presented at the National Communication Association convention, Boston, Interpersonal Communication Division.
- Wittenberg-Lyles, E. M., Thompson, S., Gilchrist, E. S., & Ragan, S. L. (2005, November). "A thematic analysis of cancer survivor experience: Uncovering the communicative dimensions of survivor identity transformation." Paper presented at the National Communication Association convention, Boston, Health Communication Division.

Convention Presentations (cont.)

- Scholl, J., Thompson, S., Gilchrist, E. S., & Siriko, T., Ragan, S. (2005, October). "Humor and physical therapy: Building relationships in a physical therapy unit." Poster presented at the International Conference on Communication in Healthcare, Chicago.
- Pfau, M., Ivanov, B., Houston, B., Haigh, M., Sims, J., Gilchrist, E. S., Russell, J., Wigley, S., Eckstein, J., & Richert, N. (2005, May). "Inoculation and mental processing: The instrumental role of associative networks in the process of resistance to counterattitudinal influence." Paper presented at the International Communication Association convention, New York. Information Systems Division ****Top Four Papers in Information Systems****
- Gold, A. L., & Gilchrist, E. S. (2005, April). "Literacy is at the heart of health communication: A discussion about health literacy." Panel organized and facilitated at the Central States Communication Association convention, Cleveland, Health Communication Division.
- Gilchrist, E. S. (2005, April). "At the heart of a good death: Hospice care referrals." Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association convention, Cleveland, Health Communication Division.
- O'Hair, D., Thompson, S., & Gilchrist, E. S. (2004, May). "Communication patterns within physician referral systems: A cultural perspective." Paper presented at the International Communication Association convention, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Gilchrist, E. S., & Siriko, T. S. (2004, November). "Social support groups as a means of coping with breast cancer: A qualitative analysis." Paper presented at the National Communication Association convention, Chicago, Health Communication Division.

Professional Service*To The Field*

- **Secretary**, Central States Communication Association, Health Communication Division (2007)
- **Student Representative**, Central States Communication Association, Health Communication Division (2006)
- **Assistant**, NCA's 1st Vice-president, Dan O'Hair, Planning 2005 NCA convention (2004-2005)
- **Respondent**, NCA, Disability Issues Caucus, The Role of Communication Pedagogy and Praxis in the Communicative Health of Disabled Persons (2005)
- **Panel Chair**, NCA, Health Communication Division, Managing the Self in Health Communication (2005)
- **Panel Chair**, Sooner Communication Conference, Rhetorical Analysis of contemporary and historical issues (2005)
- **Panel Chair**, Sooner Communication Conference, Communication Issues with Health Implications (2005)
- **Presenter**, Sooner Communication Conference, Pre-conference Workshop, How to survive (and thrive!) in Graduate School (2005)
- **Assistant**, Central States Communication Association's Interpersonal and Small Group Interest Group Chair, Jim Query, (2003)

Professional Service (cont.)*To The Department and University*

- **Basic Course Director**, University of Oklahoma (2005-2006)
- **Co-President**, Communication Graduate Student Association (2004-2005)

To Editorial and Review Committees

- **Editorial and Research Assistant**, under Jim Query's editorship of *Communication Studies* (2002-September, 2006)
- **Research Assistant**, Research initiated grant application: A computerized support tool for Hispanic caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's Disease. PI: Jim. Query.
- **Paper Reviewer**, NCA, Applied Communication Division (2006)
- **Paper Reviewer**, Sooner Communication Conference, Intercultural Communication and Language and Social Interaction (2006)
- **Paper Reviewer**, NCA, Health Communication Division (2005)
- **Reviewer**, The Outstanding New Teacher Award, Central States Communication Association (2005)
- **Paper Reviewer**, Central States Communication Association, Health Communication Division (2005)
- **Paper Reviewer**, Central States Communication Association, Interpersonal and Small Group Interest Group (2004)

Pedagogical Conference Participation

- **Participant**, NCA Pre-conference, Taking children seriously: Communication development as a foundation for connection and action (2006)
- **Participant**, Oklahoma Emergency Management Seminar, P.R.E.P. (Prepare, Respond, Execute, Plan): Special needs populations. (2006)
- **Participant**, NCA Pre-conference, Doctoral and early career pre-conference in health communication: Opportunities and challenges of moving health communication forward, Sponsored by the Health Communication Division (2004)
- **Participant**, NCA Pre-conference, A workshop on survival skills for doctoral students, Sponsored by the Research Board (2002)

Professional Affiliations

National Communication Association (NCA)

International Communication Association (ICA)

Central States Communication Association (CSCA)

Communication Graduate Student Association (CGSA), University of Oklahoma

References

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