

Kristina A. Wenzel Egan, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Family Communication, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 2014

M.A. Organizational Communication, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, 2010

B.A. Business Administration, concentration in communication, Minor in Women's Studies,
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, 2007

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-current Assistant Professor of Communication, University of St. Thomas

2020-2023 Associate Professor of Communication, Eckerd College

2020-current Director of First-Year Experience Program (General Education Program)

2014-2020 Assistant Professor of Communication, Eckerd College

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2022 Young-Erdos, C. & **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** Guidelines for creating a meaningful interdisciplinary short-term study abroad course. *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*.

2021 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** The boundary permeability patterns associated with managing private information in family eldercare relationships. *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication*. doi: 10.1080/17459435.2020.1776758

2018 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** & Hesse, C. R. "Tell me so that I can help you": Private information and privacy coordination issues in the context of eldercare. *Journal of Family Communication*, 18, 217-232. doi: 10.1080/15267431.2018.1466784

2017 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** The audio postcard assignment: Practicing the use of descriptive language. *Communication Teacher*, 32, 131-135. doi: 10.1080/17404622.2017.1372603

2017 Halliwell, D., **Wenzel Egan, K. A.**, & Howard, E. Flying in a V formation: Themes of (in)equity, reality, and togetherness in adult siblings' narrative explanations of

shared parental caregiving. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 45, 256-273. doi: 10.1080/00909882.2017.1320574

- 2014 **Wenzel, K. A.**, & Poynter, D. "I'm mother! I can take care of myself!": A contrapuntal analysis of older parents' relational talk with their adult children. *Southern Communication Journal*, 79, 147-170. doi: 10.1080/1041794X.2014.881540
- 2012 Hesse, C. R., Rauscher, E., & **Wenzel, K. A.** Alexithymia and uncertainty management. *Communication Research Reports*, 29, 343-352. doi: 10.1080/08824096.2012.723647
- 2009 Becker, R., Amundson, N., Anderson, D., **Wenzel, K.**, Yakubova, M., Sajaia, N., & Frannea, R. Political participation, efficacy and the 2008 Minnesota presidential caucuses. *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication*, 10(1), 38-45. doi: 10.1080/17459430902783785

Book Chapters

- 2019 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** Recalibrating privacy rules in the eldercare family. In S. Symonds LeBlanc (Ed.), *Casing the family: Theoretical and applied approaches to understanding family communication*. DuBuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing.
- 2017 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** "Do you remember that time when...?": Modeling StoryCorps interviews to teach family storytelling. In J. S. Seiter, J. Peeples, & M. L. Sanders (Eds.), *Great Ideas for Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.) in Communication*. Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martin's.

In Preparation

Wenzel Egan, K. A. Untold stories of grief and love: An iterative analysis of adult childrens' stories of their parents' death. *Qualitative Health Research*.

Wenzel Egan, K. A., Hemminger, K, & Vaux, K. Communicatively present, physically absent: The stories families tell of deceased family members. *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication*.

GRANTS

- 2022 Association of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College Intergenerational Learning Grant, Eckerd College, \$490.
- 2019 Vocational Discussion Seed Grant, The Center for Spiritual Life's Colloquy Program, Eckerd College, \$500

- 2017 Lloyd W. Chapin Faculty Fellowship Program, Eckerd College, \$5,080.
- 2017 Friends of the Eckerd College Library Supplemental Book Grant, Eckerd College, \$750.
- 2016 Association of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College Intergenerational Learning Grant, Eckerd College, \$450.
- 2015 Association of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College Intergenerational Learning Grant, Eckerd College, \$450.
- 2014 Association of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College Intergenerational Learning Grant, Eckerd College, \$450.
- 2013 Verser Graduate Student Support Fund, University of Missouri, \$750.

AWARDS

- 2013 Top 4 Paper, Communication and Aging Division, National Communication Association (w/ S. Trask & N. Franken).
- 2013 Most Influential Graduate Student, Intercollegiate Communication Organization of Mizzou and the Department of Communication, University of Missouri.
- 2012 Top Student Paper, Family Communication Division, Communication Association (w/ D. Poynter).

INVITED TALKS

- 2010 Public Speaking Workshop Guest Lecture, Tri-College National Education for Women's Leadership Development Institute, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, June 5.
- 2009 Public Speaking Workshop Guest Lecture, Tri-College National Education for Women's Leadership Development Institute, Concordia College, June 3.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Papers

- 2017 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** An intergenerational service-learning project to address stigmatized health issues, National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 16-19.

- 2017 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** Coping with uncertainty when managing older parents' private information, National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, November 16-19.
- 2017 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** Dying spaces: The experience of space and place on end-of-life communication with dying parents, Communication, Medicine, and Ethics (COMET), Indianapolis, IN, June 26-28.
- 2016 Halliwell, D., **Wenzel Egan, K. A.**, & Howard, E. Flying in a V formation: Narratives of (in)equity, reality, and togetherness in adult siblings' narrative explanations of shared parental caregiving, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 10-13.
- 2015 **Wenzel, K. A.** & Hesse, C. R. "I couldn't ask my dad to rat out my mom": An exploration of the privacy barriers and boundary linkages in parental caregiving relationships, National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV, November 19-22.
- 2015 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** "Do you remember that time when...?": Teaching family narratives and storytelling by modeling StoryCorps interviews, Southern States Communication Association, Tampa, FL, April 8-12.
- 2014 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** The development of parental caregiving relationships: Communicatively marking relational change using uncertainty management, Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, MN, April 2-5.
- 2013 **Wenzel, K. A.**, Trask, S., & Franken, N. The institution of home at Walnut Creek: A phenomenological study of nursing home residents' experience of home and family, National Communication Association, Washington, D.C., November 21-24.
- 2012 **Wenzel, K. A.**, & Poynter, D. "I'm mother! I can take care of myself!": A narrative analysis of elderly parents' stories of (in)dependence from/on their adult children, National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 15-18.
- 2012 Hesse, C., **Wenzel, K. A.**, & Rauscher, E. Discussions of future older adult care needs: Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management to understand how older parents manage uncertainty, National Communication Association, Orlando, FL, November 15-18.
- 2011 **Wenzel, K. A.** & Olson, L. N. Relational maintenance strategies: A Feminist Communicology review and agenda for research, National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, November 17-20.

- 2009 Gronewold, K. L. & **Wenzel, K. A.** “I work to live, not love to work.”: How Generation Y talks about work, career, and work-life balance, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, November 12-15.
- 2009 Becker, R., Amundson, N., Anderson, D., **Wenzel, K.**, Yakubova, M., Sajaia, N., & Frannea, R. Political participation, efficacy, and the 2008 presidential caucuses, Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, MO, April 1-5.

Panels

- 2018 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** Crystalizing home: Promoting intergenerational learning by playing with crystallization methods, National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 8-11.
- 2016 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** The role of communication in the retirement process: Understanding the complexities of retiring in the United States, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 10-13.

Posters

- 2018 Sehr, J. & **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** Changing the conversation on health through intergenerational learning. Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics. St. Pete Beach, FL, April 27-28.
- 2018 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** & Young-Erdos, C. Bridging the discipline divide by teaching “The Blue Zones”: A study abroad course in Greece. Sunshine State Teaching and Learning Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL, January 31-February 2.
- 2013 **Wenzel Egan, K. A.** Child or caregiver?: An analysis of the management of inconsistent identities present in parental caregiving, International Association for Relationship Research, Louisville, KY, October 4-6.

ECKERD COLLEGE TALKS

- 2019 Scholars and Snacks Panelist
- 2019 The Role Community and Close Relationships Play in the Longevity Blue Zone of Sardinia, Italian Interest Group, The Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College, March 14.
- 2019 Explore Eckerd Teaching Demonstration (Admitted High School Seniors), Eckerd College, April 15, April 8, March 11.

- 2018 Advice to New Faculty at Eckerd College, New Faculty Orientation, Eckerd College, August 29.
- 2018 Sharing Your Story & Genuine Dialogue Training, The Human Library, Eckerd College, April 12.
- 2017 Final Conversations, End-of-Life Issues Interest Group, Association of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College, May 18.
- 2017 Genuine Dialogue Training, The Human Library, Eckerd College, April 19.
- 2017 Parent Council Teaching Demonstration, Eckerd College, February 24.
- 2016 Caregiver Resources, Caregiving Symposium, Association of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College, April 30.
- 2016 Co-teaching an Interdisciplinary Study Abroad Course, New Faculty Seminar, February 19.
- 2016 The Value of Reflective Service-Learning, Eckerd College, January 29.
- 2016 Explore Eckerd Teaching Demonstration (Admitted High School Seniors), Eckerd College, April 18, April 11, March 14.
- 2016 Spring Open House Teaching Demonstration (Interested High School Students), Eckerd College, February 15.
- 2016 Developing and Delivering a Successful Winter Term Study Abroad Class, Eckerd College, February 19.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Eckerd College, Instructor of Record

Communication Research (Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2016)
 Introduction to Communication Theory (22 sections; Fall 2014 – Spring 2023)
 Health Communication (Fall 2022, Spring 2017, Spring 2015)
 Family Communication (Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Fall 2014)
 Voluntary Kinship (January 2020)
 Leadership Studies (Spring 2019)
 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2016)

The Science of Relationships and Longevity; Study Abroad Course to Sardinia, Italy (January 2019)

Human Experience; First-Year GE Course (Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016)

Dark Side of Communication (August 2021, August 2017, August 2016)

Interpersonal Communication (Fall 2018; Fall 2015)

Women, Leaders, & Communication (Spring 2017)

Longevity in Greece: A Biochemical and Communicative Perspective; Study Abroad Course to Greece; Co-Taught with Young-Erdos, Assistant Professor of Chemistry (January 2016)

University of Missouri, Instructor of Record

Family Communication (Spring 2014)

Public Speaking (11 sections; Fall 2010 - Spring 2014)

University of Missouri, Teaching Assistant

Survey of Communication Studies (Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

North Dakota State University, Instructor of Record

Public Speaking (5 sections; Fall 2008 - Spring 2010)

Introduction to Women's Studies (Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2009)

Women's Studies Field Experience (Spring 2009)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

To Journals and Associations

Journal Reviewer:

Western Communication Journal, 2021

Journal of Family Communication, 2019, 2017

Journal of Applied Communication Research, 2019, 2019

Conference Paper Reviewer:

Family Communication Interest Group, National Communication Association, 2020, 2019

Health Communication Interest Group, National Communication Association, 2017, 2016, 2015

Communication and Aging Interest Group, National Communication Association, 2016, 2015, 2014

Health Communication Interest Group, Central States Communication Association, 2014
Graduate Student Caucus, Central States Communication Association, 2014
Organizational and Professional Communication Interest Group, Central States
Communication Association, 2009

To Profession

Chair, Outstanding Book and Journal Article Award Committee, Communication and
Aging Interest Group, National Communication Association, 2014-2016
Panel Chair, Interpersonal Communication Interest Group, Central States Communication
Association Annual Convention, 2015
Panel Chair, Small Group Communication Interest Group, Central States Communication
Association Annual Convention, 2015
Panel Chair, Console-ing Passions Annual Conference, 2014

To Eckerd College

General Education Committee, 2019 - present
Animal Studies Search Committee, 2021
Chapin Fellowship Committee, 2019
Planning Committee, "Collegial Conversations" Discussion Event on Professional
Productivity, 2019.
New Faculty Mentor, Faculty Mentoring Program, 2018-2019
Committee Member, Educational Policy & Program Committee, 2017-2018
Steering Committee Member, The Human Library, 2017
Faculty Mentor, Human Experience Faculty Peer Mentoring Program, 2017-2018
Committee Member, Teaching Development Committee, 2015-2017
Faculty Observer, Advancement, Marketing, and Communication Committee, Board of
Trustees Annual Meetings, 2016-2017
Student Writing Portfolio Reviewer, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
Poster Presentation Judge, 3rd Annual Humanities Symposium, 2016
Program Organizer, Annual Careers in Aging Munch & Meet (with Professor Shovali),
2016, 2015

To Discipline of Communication at Eckerd College

Search Committee Chair, Assistant Professor of Communication, 2018-2019
Faculty Advisor, Lambda Pi Eta, 2016-present
Discipline Coordinator, 2019-2020, 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

National Communication Association, 2009-present

Council on Contemporary Families, 2016-present

National Council on Family Relations, 2016-present