

Amber M. Walker

Education

- PhD The Pennsylvania State University
Communication, 2007
Dissertation Committee: Michelle Miller-Day (Chair), Denise H. Solomon, Jon Nussbaum, Mary Beth Oliver
Dissertation Title: Convergence Communication: Measurement and Initial Model Testing
- MA University of Arkansas; Fayetteville, AR
Communication, 2003
Thesis Committee: Lynne Webb (Chair), Patricia Amason, Robert Brady
Thesis Title: The Rhetorical Strategies that Students Employ to Explain their Communication Major
- BA Columbus State University; Columbus, GA
Communication, 2001

Professional Experience

Teaching Experience:

- 2003 – Present
 - Public Speaking (Basic, required, communication course)
- 2001-2003
 - Fundamentals of Communication (Basic, required, communication course).
Content: public speaking, small group, and interpersonal communication.

Research Experience:

- 2004-2005
 - Three semesters as a research assistant for Professor Michelle Miller-Day
 - Duties: Data entry, data analysis, literature collection and review
- 2002
 - One semester as a research assistant for Professor Lynne Webb
 - Duties: Data analysis, literature collection and review

Courses Interned (prepared to teach):

- Research Methods
- Interpersonal Communication
- Family Communication
- Small Group Communication

Publications

Webb, L. M., Bourgerie, A. J., Schaper, M. W., Johnson, K. B., Dubbs, K., Mountain, K. N., Harp, K. & Walker, A. M. (2004) The Portrayal of Gender and Diversity in Family Communication: A Content Analysis of the Four Undergraduate Textbooks. *Journal of Family Communication*.

Gibson, D., Thompson-Hayes, M., Nelson, L., Smith, M., Webb, L. M., & Walker, A. M. (2003). Families on Television: Do Fictional Portrayals Provide Models of Effective Communicate for Real Live Families? *Southwestern Mass Communication Journal*.

Manuscripts under Review

Walker, A. M. & Webb, L. M. . *The Rhetorical Strategies that Students Employ to Explain their Communication Major*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Walker, A. M. *Depicting the Stepmother and Managing the Stepmother Identity: An Analysis of the Film Stepmom*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Manuscripts in Progress

Walker, A. M., Hamrick, K. K., McLaren, R. M., & Miller-Day, M. *Parent-Offspring Communication about Alcohol and Other Drugs: A Replication and Extension*.

Miller-Day, M. & Walker, A. M. *Initial Scale Development for Necessary Convergence Communication*.

Conference Papers

2005 Walker, A. M. *Depicting the Stepmother and Managing the Stepmother Identity: An Analysis of the Film Stepmom*. National Communication Assoc., Boston, Nov. 17.

*Walker, A. M., Hamrick, K. K., & McLaren, R. M. *Parent-Offspring Communication about Alcohol and Other Drugs: A Replication and Extension*. Southern States Communication Assoc., Baton Rouge, April 3

2004 Walker, A. M. *The Rhetorical Strategies that Students Employ to Explain their Communication Major*. National Communication Assoc., Chicago, Nov. 13.

Walker, A. M., & Webb, L. M. *Focus Groups 101: How to Get Communication Majors Talking About One Thing They'd Prefer to Not Discuss*. Southern States Communication Assoc. Tampa, April 1.

2003 Gibson, D., Thompson-Hayes, M., Nelson, L., Smith, M., Webb, L. M., & Walker, A. M. *Families on Television: Do Fictional Portrayals Provide Models of Effective*

Communicate for Real Live Families? National Communication Assoc. Miami, Nov. 22.

Walker, A. M. *Votes for Women: An Analysis of the Arguments Made in Arkansas*. Southern States Communication Assoc. Birmingham

Walker, A. M. *Feminism and Fairy Tales*. Southern States Communication Assoc. Birmingham

2002 Webb, L. M., Bourgerie, A. J., Schaper, M. W., Johnson, K. B., Dubbs, K., Mountain, K. N., Harp, K. & Walker, A. M. *The Portrayal of Gender and Diversity in Family Communication: A Content Analysis of the Four Undergraduate Textbooks*. National Communication Assoc. New Orleans, Nov. 23.

Walker, A. M. *Judgment Journey: A Case Study in Persuasion*. Southern States Communication Assoc. Winston-Salem, NC, April 4.

2001 Walker, A. M. Presented Cultural Power Point Assignment as part of a panel of undergraduates. Southern States Communication Assoc. Lexington, KY, April 5.

2000 Walker A. M. Children of Divorce. Presented paper as a panel member on undergraduate research. American Communication Assoc. Louisville, KY

*Denotes a top four paper award.

Honors

2005 Top four paper in Language and Social Interaction at SSCA

2002 International Communication Association Award for outstanding teaching by a graduate student.

2003-Present Three letters of recognition from the department chair for outstanding teaching evaluations from students.

Professional Affiliations

The National Communication Association
Member: 2001-Present

The Southern States Communication Association
Member: 2000-Present

Professional Service

2005-06 Secretary, Interpersonal Division, Southern States Communication Association

2005 Reviewer for the book *Widening the Family Circle* (2006)

2004 Reviewer for the Feminist Scholarship Division of ICA

- 2002-03 Chair, Panel at Pre-conference on Family Communication, New Orleans, Nov 20.
- 2001-02 Chair, Panel titled Persuasion and Talk Across Contexts: Frames and Reframing, Winston-Salem, NC April 4.
- Chair, Panel titled The Interpersonal Communication Surrounding Pregnancy, Winston-Salem, NC April 6.

Graduate Course Work

Topical Seminars

- Family and Marital Communication (Webb)
- Persuasion (Brady)
- Organizational Communication (Amason)
- Myth and Communication Criticism (Rushing)
- Health Communication (Parrott)
- Social Influence (Parrott)
- Communication, Culture, and Identity (Jackson)
- Family Communication (T. Afifi)
- Interpersonal Communication (W. Afifi)
- Communication Theory (W. Afifi)
- Relational Communication (Solomon)
- Biosocial Perspectives on the Family (Booth)

Research Methods Courses

- Quantitative Research Methods (Wicks)
- Quantitative Methods (Nussbaum)
- Qualitative Research Methods (Smith)
- Qualitative Methods (Miller-Day)
- Content Analysis (Warren)
- Rhetorical Criticism (Rushing)
- Thesis Hours (Webb)
- Data Analysis (Oliver)
- ANOVA (Wa)
- Preliminary Analysis (Solomon)

Travel Abroad Courses (Oxford/Cambridge Summer Program)

- Freedom of Speech (Smith)
- Independent Study Project on Catharine MacKinnon (Smith)

References

- Michelle Miller-Day, PhD (Dissertation Chair)

The Pennsylvania State University
234 Sparks Building
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 865-3826
mam32@psu.edu

Jon Nussbaum, PhD
The Pennsylvania State University
234 Sparks Building
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 863-3619
jfn5@psu.edu

Denise H. Solomon, PhD
The Pennsylvania State University
234 Sparks Building
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 863-3757
dhs12@psu.edu

Lynne M. Webb, PhD (Thesis Chair)
University of Arkansas
417 Kimpel Hall
Fayetteville, AR 72701
(479) 575-5956
LynneWebb320@cs.com

Patricia Amason, PhD
University of Arkansas
417 Kimpel Hall
Fayetteville, AR 72701
(479) 575-5959
Pamason@uark.edu