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Education

Ph.D.

University of Kentucky
Acceptance: Fall 2017
Advisor: Dr. Chike Anyaegbunam

M.A.

University of Kentucky
Graduated: Dec. 2014
Thesis: The Relationship Between Intercultural Communication Experiences and College Persistence Among Central Appalachian Students
Advisors: Drs. Chike Anyaegbunam and Brandi Frisby

B.A.

University of Kentucky
Major: Organizational Communication
Graduated: Dec. 2014

B.A.

University of Kentucky
Major: Chinese Language and Literature
Graduated: Dec. 2014

A.A.

Bluegrass Community and Technical College
Communication Pathway
G.P.A: 3.8
Graduated: May 2012

Teaching Experience

College Instruction

Bluegrass Community and Technical College

Department of Communication

Adjunct Lecturer (Spring 2015- Present)

COM 252- *Interpersonal Communication* (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

COM 181- *Public Speaking* (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020) Adjunct Lecturer

COM 101- *Introduction to Communication* (Fall 2018)

University of Kentucky

College of Communication

School of Information Sciences, Instructional Communication Research Div.

TA-Grader (Spring 2013), TA-Primary instructor (Fall 2014 & Fall 2017-Spring 2018), Part-Time Instructor (Spring 2016), Lecturer (Fall 2016-Spring 2017 & Fall 2018-Present)

CIS 112- *Communication and Composition Accelerated* (Fall 2016, Fall 2019, Fall 2020)

CIS 111- *Communication and Composition II* (Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

CIS 110- *Communication and Composition I* (Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020)

COM 312- *Intercultural Communication Through the Media* (Spring 2013)

College of Arts and Sciences

Center for English as a Second Language

Instructional Assistant

Grammar 5 (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)

Dept. of Modern and Classical Languages

Guest Lecturer

CHI 102- *Beginning Chinese II* (Spring 2019)

CHI 302- *Advanced Intermediate Chinese II* (Spring 2019)

Part-Time Instructor

CHI 105- *Introduction to Chinese Studies* (Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Summer 2016)

Trinity International University

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Spring 2016 (grader), Spring 2017, 2018, 2019 (guest lecturer)

Highschool Instruction-

Bluegrass United Academic Center

Publications (Fall 2016)

High school class on journalism and directed the publication of 4 issues of the student-run paper.

Chinese Cultural Studies (Spring 2014)

Responsibilities included:

Primary instruction to 20 high school students weekly, lesson planning, age-appropriate activities, language instruction, and lectures.

Introduction to Communication for High School Students (Spring 2014)

Responsibilities included:

Primary instruction to 30+ high school students, lesson planning, age-appropriate activities, overview of the communication field and types of communication at the high school level, and evaluation of speeches.

Teaching Interests

Communication

Composition

Public Speaking

Intercultural Communication

Storytelling

Academic Awards**Trustee's Scholarship- 2012**

Awarded to high-achieving transfer students from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to the University of Kentucky.

U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship-2013

For language intensive study abroad in Xiamen, China at Xiamen University

University Scholars at the University of Kentucky- 2013

To simultaneously complete a B.A. in Organizational Communication, a B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature and an M.A. in Communication

Project Pengyou Leadership Fellow-2014

Accepted to a leadership summit at Harvard University to discuss issues related to the U.S.-China context and train in community organizing.

Conference Papers

Frisby, B. N., Horan, S. M., Booth-Butterfield, M., Lin, X., **King, M.**, Byrd, D., & Furkin, J. (2014). Humor styles and shared laughter: Using humor as a post-divorce resilience mechanism. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Garrison, M. A. (2017). "Commie" Dancers: A Survey of Ballet as Non-verbal Communication in Mao's China, the Former Soviet Union, and Castro's Cuba and its Influence on Culture, the Individual, and Diplomacy. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, KY.

De la Serna, A., **Garrison, M. A.**, Sheng, X., & Radway, N. (2017). Racial and Ethnic Microaggressions in the College Classroom. Paper presented at the MOSAIC 2017 Know Your Rights: Democratic Citizenship and Juvenile Justice, Lexington, KY

Research in Progress

Communicating Empowerment: Developing Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment Strategies for Widowed Women using Participatory Communication in Rural Nigeria

*Data Analysis

The Experience of Widows in Central Nigeria

*Compiling and editing for journal and conference submission

Project Pengyou: Peacebuilding through Friendship

This project utilizes the framework of social identity theory to evaluate storytelling and interpersonal communication in reducing bias between Americans and Chinese.

*Data analysis

Now I'm an American: Congolese Refugees' Anxiety and Uncertainty Management in Kentucky

A qualitative content analysis of Congolese refugees' interviews on the program "Bluegrass Refugee Voices"

*Revising to submit to other journals

Waiting to Be Chosen: An Interrogation of 'Poverty Porn' in the Fundraising of Child Sponsorship Organizations

*Awaiting review with the *International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing*

Grants

2017-U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Alumni Fund

Award amount: \$705. Awarded for the establishment of a Project Pengyou Chapter at UK.

2018- Institutional Diversity Grant for cross-cultural projects on campus through Project Pengyou

Award amount: \$2300

Research Interests

- Participatory communication
- Strategic communication
- Social marketing
- Persuasion
- Global/Community Development
- Intercultural communication
- Instructional communication
- Public Narrative
- Social change/social movement

- Social justice/macro social work

Professional Accomplishments

2019- Guest attendee for Economic Inclusion and Growth: The Way Forward, conference on domestic policy in celebration of the 25th anniversary of CDFIs with President and Secretary Clinton.

2018- Scholarship to attend the Project Pengyou Leadership Summit at Johns Hopkins School of International Studies. Trained in community organizing with teaching fellows of Marshall Ganz from Harvard

2018- Selected for Philanthropy in Motion in Beijing, China

2017-GIFTS presenter at ICR Meeting, University of Kentucky

2016- Peer reviewer, Top Hat

2015- Communication consultant, El Alfarero, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

2014- Project Pengyou Leadership Fellow, Harvard University

Non-Profit and Service Work

Project Pengyou HQ (Beijing, China; 2019-Present)

- PR Co-Chair
- Executive Committee, Strategic Operations
- Southeast Regional Coordinator
- Social media campaigns, meeting host, and other PR.

Institutes for Oral Strategies (Manila, Philippines; April 2019-Present)

- Board member

University of Kentucky Project Pengyou Chapter (Lexington, KY; Aug. 2017-May 2019)

- Co-Founder/President
- Hosted over 20 events promoting cross-cultural exchange
- Advocated positive U.S.-China Relations in over 10 Classes
- Successfully trained and transitioned new leadership
- Recipient of multiple grants

Save the Children (Berea, KY; Summer 2018)

- Research Intern
- Data collection on educational attainment in Kentucky schools

Parks and Recreation (Lexington, KY; Summer 2018)

- On-call translation/interpretation
 - o Chinese (Mandarin)
 - o Spanish (Latin American)
- Program Specialist (Bluegrass 10,000)

Gweimen Centre (Kaduna, Nigeria; 2018-Present)

- Advocate
- Researcher

FreshStops Markets (Lexington, KY; 2018)

- Social marketing campaign

Oasis Community Church (Nicholasville, KY)

- Worship team (2017-2019)
- Senior High Youth Minister (2017-2018)

El Alfarero (Santa Cruz, Bolivia; (2015)

- Counseling training
- Childcare and education for children coming out of abusive homes
- Communication/marketing consulting
- Non-profit status assistance
- Crisis pregnancy support
- Web Development

Urban Impact (Lexington, KY; 2013)

- Tutoring
- Advocacy

Iglesia Nueva Vida (Lexington, KY; 2013)

- Fundraising
- Advocacy
- Community Relations

Crossroads Christian Church (Lexington, KY; 2010-2014)

- Middle school youth ministry
- Missions intern (2013)

Assurance Care (Lexington, KY; 2010-2011)

- Donations and fundraising

Graduate Coursework

Previous:

Evaluation Methods (University of Kentucky, EPE 785)

Statistics (University of Kentucky, EDP 558)

Non-Profit Management (University of Kentucky, SW 737)

Social Marketing (University of Kentucky, CJT 780)

Risk Communication (University of Kentucky, CJT 721)

Advanced Qualitative Methods: Textual and Critical Analysis (University of Kentucky CJT 764)

Independent Study in Participatory Methods and Research (University of Kentucky, CJT 790)

Participatory Communication (University of Kentucky, CJT 610)

Health Communication (University of Kentucky, CJT 671)

Proseminar in Interpersonal Communication (University of Kentucky, CJT 631)

Independent Study in Social Justice (University of Kentucky, SW 780)

Qualitative Research Methods (University of Kentucky, CJT 664)

Media and the Election (University of Kentucky, CJT 780)

Quantitative Research Methods (University of Kentucky, CJT 665)
Communication Theory (University of Kentucky, CJT 651)
Proseminar in Communication Graduate Studies (University of Kentucky, CJT 601)
Leadership Communication (University of Kentucky, CJT 726)
Media Effects (University of Kentucky, CJT 645)
Organizational Communication (University of Kentucky, COM 525)
Statistics (University of Kentucky, EDP 557)
Intercultural Communication (University of Kentucky, CJT 619).