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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Communication Arts and Sciences **May, 2018**

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Dissertation Title: *Relational turbulence and marital communication when children with autism start school: A longitudinal dyadic diary study*

Dissertation Advisor: Denise Solomon

M.A. in Communication Studies **August, 2009**

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

B.F.A. in Dance Education, General Honors Curriculum **May, 2007**

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

EMPLOYMENT

- 2020- Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2019-2020 Assistant Director, Communication, Science, and Society Initiative
Responsibilities include organizing initiative events and symposia and recruiting research faculty to participate in the initiative, PSU, University Park, PA.
- 2018-2020 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, PSU, University Park, PA
Responsibilities include a 2/2 teaching load and independent research.
- 2014-2018 Graduate Assistant, PSU, University Park, PA
Responsibilities included various teaching and research assignments.
- 2016-2017 Communication Lab Coordinator, PSU, University Park, PA
Duties included coordinating the interaction lab schedule and managing the research participant pool using SONA.
- 2010-2014 Teacher, Slidell High School, Slidell, LA

Instructor of record for 5-6 classes per day of approximately 25 students.

2009-2010 Teacher, Donaldsonville High School, Donaldsonville, LA
Instructor of record for 3 classes per day of approximately 25 students.

2007-2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA
Responsibilities included teaching two courses per semester.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Awards

- 2020 Outstanding Dissertation Award, National Communication Association, Interpersonal Division
- 2019 Outstanding Dissertation Award, The International Communication Association, Interpersonal Division
- 2018 Research and Graduate Studies Dissertation Award, College of the Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2018 Carroll C. Arnold Award for Academic Excellence, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017 Superior Teaching and Research (STAR) Award, College of the Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017 Kathryn DeBoer Distinguished Teaching Award, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2015 Top Poster Award, Poster presented at the International Association for Relationship Research mini-conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey

Research Support

- 2023 Research Competitiveness Grant, \$133,000, Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund. Primary Investigator. Funding will support the collection of preliminary data assessing the effectiveness of an intervention to improve communication between married partners caring for an aging adult.
- 2023 SEC Faculty Travel Program, The Southeastern Conference – University of Mississippi. Bodie, G. D. & Brisini, K.S. This award is conferred by The Academic Initiative of the SEC to enhance collaboration that stimulates scholarly initiatives between universities.

- 2022 SEC Faculty Travel Program, The Southeastern Conference – University of Arkansas. Aloia, L. S. & Brisini, K.S. This award is conferred by The Academic Initiative of the SEC to enhance collaboration that stimulates scholarly initiatives between universities.
- 2019 Departmental Research Grant, \$10,000, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University. Funding supported participant incentives and data analysis to examine Transition Processing Communication among married partners during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- 2017 Specialized Training Grant, \$1,800, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University. Funding supported participation in “Multi-level Modeling, a Second Course,” a statistics workshop taught by Kristopher Preacher.
- 2017 Dissertation Award, \$3,000, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Brisini, K.S.** & Wang, N.* (in press) Support features, psychological reactance, and support outcomes: Evaluating social network support for friends and daters. Review and Re-submit at *Communication Quarterly*.
- Li, S., Solomon, D. H., & **Brisini, K. S.** (in press). Relational turbulence and couples’ convergence and divergence in weekly highs and lows during three months of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Brisini, K. S.** & Taylor, S.H. (2023). The spillover of parenting stress onto marital qualities and interparental conflict. A relational turbulence theory perspective. *Journal of Family Communication*.
- Taylor, S.H. & **Brisini, K. S.** (2023). Parenting the TikTok algorithm: An algorithm awareness as a process approach to maximizing risks and minimizing opportunities for teens on TikTok. *Computers and Human Behavior*.
- Brisini, K. S.**, Solomon, D. H., Brinberg, M. (2023). Linking stress to the emergence of relational turbulence in marriage. *Personal Relationships*.
- Brisini, K. S.**, & Solomon, D. H. (2023). A repeated-measures study of relational turbulence and transition processing communication during the summer of COVID-19 (Summer 2020). *Communication Research*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1177/00936502221146852

- Brisini, K. S., Tian, X., & Solomon, D. H. (2022).** Marital experiences and parental “highs” and “lows” when a child with Autism starts school. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*.
- Brisini, K.S. (2022).** Relational communication and relationship qualities among college daters during the transition back to campus following the COVID-19 lockdown. *Southern Communication Journal*.
- Brisini, K.S. & Solomon, D.H. (2022).** Relational turbulence and social network engagement during the summer of COVID-19: A repeated measures, dyadic analysis. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Brisini, K. S., Solomon, D. H., & Tian, X. (2021).** Relational turbulence and openness to social network support for marital conflicts. *Western Journal of Communication*, 1-20. doi:10.1080/10570314.2021.1994638
- Goodboy, A. K., Bolkan, S., **Brisini, K. S., & Solomon, D. H. (2021).** Relational uncertainty within relational turbulence theory: The bifactor exploratory structural equation model. *Journal of Communication*.
- Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D. H. (2021).** Distinguishing relational turbulence, marital satisfaction, and parenting stress as predictors of ineffective arguing among parents of children with autism. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
- Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D.H. (2021).** Relational turbulence and perceptions of social network support for married parents when children with autism start school. *Southern Communication Journal*, 38 (1). doi: 10.1177/0265407520958197
- Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D. H. (2020).** Relational uncertainty and taking conflict personally: Comparing parents of children with and without Autism. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*. 50, 4401-4411. doi: 10.1007/s10803-020-04492-6
- Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D.H. (2020).** Building expertise: Effects of a spouse’s experience claims on responses to advice. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*. Advance Online Publication.
- Tian, X., Solomon, D. H., & **Brisini, K. S. (2020).** How the comforting process fails: Psychological reactance to support messages. *Journal of Communication*, 70, 13-34. doi: 10.1093/joc/jqz040
- Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D. H. (2020).** Relational turbulence and marital communication when children with Autism start school: A longitudinal dyadic diary study. *Health Communication*, 35, 483-493. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2019.1567445

- Brisini, K. S.** & Solomon, D.H. (2019). Relational turbulence in college dating relationships: Measurement, construct validity, and comparison to marriage. *Communication Quarterly*, 67, 424-443. doi:1080/01463373.2019.1605398
- Brisini, K. S.** & Solomon, D.H. (2019). Children's transitions and relational turbulence in marriage: Can transition processing communication help? *Journal of Family Communication*, 20, 82-96. doi:1080/15267431.2019.1662421
- Solomon, D.H. & **Brisini, K. S.** (2019). Relational uncertainty and interdependence processes in marriage: A test of relational turbulence theory. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 36, 2416-2436. doi:10.1177/0265407518788700
- Brisini, K. S.** & Solomon, D. H. (2018). Relationship transitions for parents of children with autism spectrum disorder: types, turbulence, and transition processing communication. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 46, 447-468. doi:10.1080/00909882.2018.1498980
- Brisini, K. S.**, Solomon, D. H., & Nussbaum, J. (2018). Transitions in marriage: Types, turbulence, and transition processing activities. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 35, 831-853. doi:10.1177/0265407517699283
- Solomon, D. H., & **Brisini, K. S.** (2017). Operationalizing relational turbulence: Measurement and construct validity. *Personal Relationships*, 24, 768-789. doi:10.1111/per.12212
- MacGeorge, E. L., Guntzviller, L. M., **Brisini, K. S.**, Bailey, L. C., Salmon, S., Severen, K., Branch, S. E., Lillie, H., Lindley, C., Pastor, R., & Cummings, R. (2016). The influence of emotional support quality on advice evaluation and outcomes. *Communication Quarterly*, 65, 80-96. doi:10.1080/01463373.2016.1176945
- Bodie, G. D., **St. Cyr, K.**, Pence, M., Rold, M., & Honeycutt, J. (2012). Listening competence in initial interactions I: Distinguishing between what listening is and what listeners do. *International Journal of Listening*, 26, 1-28. doi:10.1080/10904018.2012.639645

Book Chapters

- Solomon, D. H., Roloff, M., & Brisini, K. S. (in press). Relationship development and growth. In A. Vangelisti, D. Perlman, & S. Sprecher (Eds), *The Cambridge Handbook of Personal Relationships*. Cambridge.
- Bodie, G. & **Brisini, K.** (2021) Support in families. In A. Vangelisti (Ed.), *The Handbook of Family Communication*. Routledge.

Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D. H., (2020). Relational transitions and stress: Turbulence over the lifespan of marriage. In L. A. Aloia, A. Denes, & J. P. Crowley (Eds.), *The Physiology of Interpersonal Communication*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Manuscripts Under Review

Brisini, K.S., Riccardi, R., & Wang, N. (2023). *Turbulence, Framing, and Planning among College Daters: Testing Relational Turbulence Theory in a Dyadic, Lab Study*. Under Review.

Solomon, D. H., Li, Y, & **Brisini, K. S.** (2023) *A longitudinal test of relational turbulence theory and serial arguments in romantic relationships*. Under Review

Conference Presentations (Recent)

Brisini, K.S., Riccardi, R., & Wang, N. (2023). *Turbulence, framing, and planning among college daters: Testing relational turbulence theory in a dyadic, lab Study*. Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in National Harbor, MD.

Li, S., Solomon, D. H., & **Brisini, K. S.** (2023). *Relational turbulence and couples' convergence and divergence in weekly highs and lows during three months of the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown*. Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in National Harbor, MD.

Brisini, K. S. & Taylor, S.H. (2023). *The spillover of parenting stress onto marital qualities and interparental conflict. A relational turbulence theory perspective*. Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in National Harbor, MD.

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Brisini, K.S. & Wang, N. (2022) *Support features, psychological reactance, and support outcomes: Evaluating social network support for friends and daters*. Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans, LA.

Brisini, K.S. & Solomon, D. H. (2021). *A longitudinal study of relational turbulence and*

- transition processing communication during the summer of COVID-19.*
Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- Brisini, K.S., & Tian, X (2020).** *Parents daily “highs” and “lows” when their child with Autism starts school.* Panel presentation at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association presented virtually.
- Brisini, K. S., Solomon, D. H., & Tian, X. (2019).** *Relational turbulence and openness to social network support for marital conflicts.* Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Baltimore, MD.
- Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D. H. (2018).** *Facets of marital conflict among parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A relational turbulence perspective.* Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Fort Collins, CO.
- Brisini, K. S. & Solomon, D. H. (2018).** *Relationship transitions for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Types, turbulence, and transition processing activities.* Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Solomon, D.H. & **Brisini, K. S. (2018)** *Outcomes of relational uncertainty and interference and facilitation in marriage: A test of relational turbulence theory.* Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Solomon, D. H., & **Brisini, K. S. (2017).** *Operationalizing relational turbulence: Measurement and construct validity.* Competitively selected paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Dallas, TX.
- Brisini, K. S., Solomon, D. H., & Nussbaum, J. (2016, November).** *Transitions in marriage: Types, turbulence, and transition processing activities.* Panelist. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Philadelphia, PA.
- Brisini, K. S., MacGeorge, E., Severen, K., Solomon, D. (2015, June).** *Advice at home and at work: How problem context, advisor, and recipient characteristics affect advice outcomes.* Poster presented at the International Association for Relationship Research mini-conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey. *Top Poster Award.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

- 2020-** **Louisiana State University**
CMST 2010, Interpersonal Communication
CMST 4012, Communication and Relationships
CMST 4130, Communication Skills Training: Conflict
CMST 7900, Introduction to Graduate Studies in Communication
CMST 7904, Pedagogy for the Communication Classroom
CMST 7912, Communication and Conflict
CMST 7913, Theory Construction
- 2014-2020** **The Pennsylvania State University**
CAS 100, Effective Speaking (Instructor of Record)
CAS 202, Introduction to Communication Theory (Teaching Assistant)
CAS 203, Interpersonal Communication (Instructor of Record)
CAS 403, Interpersonal Communication Theory (Instructor of Record)
CAS 404, Conflict Resolution and Negotiation (Instructor of Record)
- 2009-2014** **Slidell High School and Donaldsonville High School**
Speech Communication I
Speech Communication II
Digital Media
Mass Communication
Mathematics

Curricular Development

- 2015** **Ancillary Teaching Materials Development**
Developed the ancillary materials for the upcoming edition of the textbook, *Interpersonal Communication: Putting Theory Into Practice*, written by Denise Solomon and Jennifer Theiss. Materials included sample class activities, discussion starters, test questions, and quizzes.

Professional Development

- 2009-2010** **Teacher Advancement Program**
A year-long, weekly workshop designed to improve lesson planning and classroom management, as well as targeted student improvement strategies.

Graduate Student Advisees

- PhD Rebecca Riccardi (2023), Malcolm Evans, Ethan Hunter, Ocean Wang, Lindsay Duede

SERVICE**Service to Louisiana State University**

- 2024- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Communication Studies
- 2023- Representative, HSS Faculty Senate
- 2020-2023 Representative, University Faculty Senate
- 2021-2023 Interpersonal Communication Hiring Committee
- 2020-2021 Matchbox Lab Renovation Coordinator
Interpersonal Communication Hiring Committee

Service to the Department at Penn State

- 2016-2017 Communication Science Faculty Hiring Committee, Student Member
- 2015-2016 Graduate Committee, Student Member
- 2015-2016 Graduate Forum, Student Relations and Recruitment Chair

Service to the Discipline

- 2020- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Family Communication*
Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Applied Communication Research*
Peer Reviewer, *Communication Monographs*
Peer Reviewer, *Western Journal of Communication*
- 2019- Mentorship Committee, International Association for Relationship
Research (IARR), appointed Chair, September 2019
- Peer Reviewer, *Health Communication*
Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Health Communication*
Peer Reviewer, *Communication Research*
Peer Reviewer, *Personal Relationships*
- 2018- Membership Committee, IARR
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*
Peer, Reviewer, *Family Communication*, editorial board
Peer Reviewer, *Motivation and Emotion*
Peer Reviewer, *Southern Communication Journal*

Service to the Community

- 2009-2017 Positive Action Leadership Training Program**

Developed small group lesson plans and training exercises for counselors and delivered interactive lectures and seminars regarding issues of diversity and communication for students in grades 7-12.

2011-2013 Amplify Youth

Directed and sponsored a youth organization aimed at developing positive decision-making, leadership, communication skills, and a drug-free life style in high school students.

2012 Louisiana SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Conference

Developed small group lesson plans aimed at communication, team-building, and leadership for young adults and trained conference staff on the implementation and direction of small group sessions.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Communication Association
International Communication Association
International Association for Relationship Research