CURRICULUM VITAE

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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.** **University of Tennessee,** Knoxville, TN (2014)   
 College of Communication & Information   
 Concentration: Communication Studies  Dissertation: Communication, Control, and Time: The Lived Experience of Uncertainty in Adolescent Pregnancy

**M.S.** **Middle Tennessee State University,** Murfreesboro, TN (2009)   
 College of Mass Communication   
 Concentration: Mass Communication  
 Thesis: The Discourse of White Supremacy: A Textual Analysis of Racist Websites

**B.A.** **The University of the South,** Sewanee, TN (2004)   
Major: English  
Minor: Psychology   
**Oxford University,** Oxford, England (Fall 2002)

**TEACHING APPOINTMENTS & EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor – Middle Tennessee State University** (August 2016 – Present)

**Intro to Organizational Communication**Overview of theories and processes examined through a hands-on approach. Includes communication networks, leadership and power, information technology, crisis communication, and organizational trends.

**Organizational Communication in Communities**

Theories and techniques involving communication between nonprofit organizations and their constituencies. Topics include corporate philanthropy and fundraising, fundraising events, volunteers, image, and grant writing.

**Organizational Communication Analysis**Scientific analysis of organizational communication using survey research and other methods including studies of content, readability, readership, information dissemination, and organizational effectiveness.

**Internships in Organizational Communication**

Practical experience in applying coursework to actual situations and projects in organizations, both on and off campus, in a supervised internship program.

**Lecturer and Graduate Teaching Associate – University of Tennessee, Knoxville** (2010 – 2016)

**Organizational Communication**

Overview of how people in for-profit and non-profit contexts interact both internally and externally.

**Health Communication**

Communication in health care settings. Topics include provider-client interactions, stigma and disease, communication in health organizations, and contemporary models explaining the use of health-related information.

**Business and Professional Communication**Basic principles of communication within organizations. Topics and activities include organizational/communication theory, group problem solving, case studies, interviewing, and formal presentations.

**Research Methods in Communication Studies**Survey of contemporary methods used for research in communication studies. Emphasis on interpreting and evaluating communication research reports.

**Communication Theory**Analysis and critique of fundamental theories with particular reference to interpersonal and organizational communication.

**Survey of Interpersonal Communication**Survey of theory and research related to interpersonal communication with a focus on effectively managing personal and professional relationships.

**Public Speaking**Preparation and delivery of informative and persuasive speeches. Topics include research, organization, adapting to an audience, topic selection, reasoning, and evaluating the discourse of others.

**Teaching Assistant – Middle Tennessee State University** (2008)

**American Media and Social Institutions**Course examines the power of the mass media and its effect on social institutions and practices. Develops skills of qualitative and quantitative social science research in the area of mass communication processes.

**Guest Lectures – College of Communication & Information, University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

October 2014 **Choosing a Dissertation Topic**Guest lecture to first and second year doctoral students, a College of Communication and Information Graduate Student Association sponsored event.

September 2014 **Writing the Literature Review**Guest lecture for Information Science Masters students about conducting a literature review, as well as writing tips and tools to aid the process.

November 2013 **Communication Research Methods, undergraduate class**Presentation of nursing and pain communication research, focused on long interview techniques with healthcare organization stakeholders.

October 2011 **Communication Research Methods, undergraduate class**Guest lecture about conducting research with vulnerable populations and strategies for gaining access to key informants.

February 2011 **Health Communication, undergraduate class**Guest lecture on the prevalence of health myths perpetuated at different levels of communication, particularly surrounding mental health and university populations.

**INVITED GUEST LECTURES and PANELS**

September 2017 **MTSU LT&ITC Faculty Workshop Series**

“Teaching Students to Evaluate Information in the Era of Fake News.”

Panelist discussing ways to improve scholarly information literacy in the classroom.

May 2015 **University of Tennessee Early Learning Center**

**“**Presenting at Conferences: Skills and Tips for Managing Speaking Anxiety”

Spoke to young childhood educators and university faculty to prepare them for an upcoming professional conference.

October 2013 **Grand Rounds, University of Kentucky College of Medicine**“Understanding the Culture of Adolescent Pregnancy in Appalachia”

Spoke to practicing OBGYNs and medical students about qualitative research, Appalachian teenage motherhood and pregnancy.

February 2013 **Union College, Barbourville, KY**

“Adolescent Pregnancy in Appalachia”Guest of Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Spoke to groups of undergraduates, professors, and community members about Appalachian teenage motherhood research and methodologies.

**RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

Aug. 2016 – Present **Assistant Professor**

Department of Communication Studies and Organizational Communication

Middle Tennessee State University

2014 – 2016 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**

**Pay It Forward: Investigating a Sustainable Model of Open Access Article Processing Charges for Large North American Research Institutions**

(Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, $800,000). Designing focus group and survey research instruments, collecting and analyzing data about scholarly communication.

2014 – 2015 **Postdoctoral Research Associate and Interim Project Manager**

**DataONE (Observation Network for Earth)**

(National Science Foundation; $20,000,000). Analyzing survey data for multiple research projects about scientific data sharing and organizational support for data management.

2014 – 2016 **Research Assistant**

**Citizen Security and Demand Reduction Program Development and Implementation in Nicaragua Central America**

(International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State; $399,771). Analyzing formative research and preparing manuscripts.

2014 – Present **Consultant**

**Patient-Centered Research to Develop an Interactive Stroke Education Application (I-SEA)**

(Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute; under review). Developing and analyzing surveys to inform personalized stroke education materials.

2010 – 2014 **Graduate Research Associate**

**College of Communication & Information**

**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

Maintained active communication studies research agenda with various faculty and other students.

2013 – 2014 **Internship Supervisor**

**Frontier Nursing Service Courier Program**

Served as research trainer for summer intern. Agenda included qualitative research education and dissertation recruitment.

2009 **Research Assistant**

**College of Mass Communication**

**Middle Tennessee State University**

Served as Assistant Editor for Spring 2009 edition of *International Communication Bulletin.*

**PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

Curty, R. G., Crowston, K., Specht, A., Grant, B. W., & **Dalton, E. D.** (In press). Attitudes and norms affecting scientists’ data reuse. *PLoS One.*

Tenopir, C., **Dalton, E. D.**, Christian, L., Jones, M. K., McCabe, M., Smith, M. & Fish, A. (2017). Imagining a Gold Open Access Future: Attitudes, Behaviors, and Funding Scenarios among Authors of Academic Scholarship. *College & Research Libraries,* <http://crl.acrl.org/content/early/2016/09/27/crl16-964.abstract>.

Tenopir, C., **Dalton, E. D.**, Fish, A., Christian, L., Jones, M., Smith, M., & McCabe, M. (2016).

What Motivates Authors of Scholarly Articles? The Importance of Journal Attributes and Potential Audience on Publication Choice. *Publications, 4*(22) p. 1 – 22. DOI: doi:10.3390/publications4030022

Miller, L., Eldredge, S., & **Dalton, E. D.** (2016). “Pain is what the patient says it is”: Nurse-patient communication, information seeking, and pain management. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine,* p. 1 – 11, DOI: 10.1177/1049909116661815.

Tenopir, C., **Dalton, E. D.**, Allard, S., Frame, M., Pjesivac, I., Birch, B., Pollock, D., & Dorsett, K. (2015). Changes in data sharing and data reuse practices and perceptions among scientists worldwide. *PLoS ONE, 10*(8): e0134826. DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0134826.

**Dalton, E. D.** (2015). The protective effects of adolescent motherhood in South Central Appalachia: Salvation from drugs and emptiness. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing, 26,* 409-417*.* DOI: 10.1177/1043659614524249.

**Dalton, E. D.** & Miller, L. (2015). Peers, stereotypes and health communication through the cultural lens of adolescent Appalachian mothers. *Culture, Health, and Sexuality,* DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2015.1066856.

Eldredge, S., **Dalton, E. D.,** & Miller, L. (2014). Pain management as triadic interaction: Shifting alliances in nurse-patient-family member communication. *Southern Communication Journal, 79,* 448-467. DOI: 10.1080/1041794X.2014.928899.

Kelly, S., Eldredge, S. A., **Dalton, E. D.**, & Miller, L. E. (2014). Health information behavior: An initial validity portfolio for active and passive measures. *Communication Research Reports, 31*, 171-182. DOI: 10.1080/08824096.2014.907145.

**Book Chapters**

**Dalton, E. D.** & Miller, L. (in press). Teen Motherhood. *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies.*

Kupritz, V., & **Dalton, E**. **D.** (2012). Organizational and Computer Mediated Communication. University of Tennessee communication textbook for CMST 201: Introduction to Communication Studies.

**Manuscripts Under Review**

**Dalton, E. D.** Strategic disclosure and inevitable privacy loss in adolescent pregnancy (*Western Journal of Communication).*

Pettigrew, J., Sohn, B., **Dalton, E. D.**, Castillo, M., & Allsup, J. A qualitative analysis of drug resistance in Nicaragua, Central America: Resistance strategies and motivations for non-use *(Journal of International and Intercultural Communication)*

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

**Dalton, E. D.** Pregnant teens and strategic disclosure in the face of inevitable privacy loss (in preparation for submission to the *Western Journal of Communication*).

**Dalton, E. D.** Social support during pregnancy after loss in online pregnancy forums (designing, drafting).

**Dalton, E. D**., Eldredge, S., Pjesivac, I., & Miller, L. Disclosure, trust, and prenatal care: The trust-attraction hypothesis in obstetric nurse-patient communication (collecting more data, transcribing and analyzing).

**Dalton, E. D.,** Wright, C., & Eldredge, S. (analyzing, drafting). Building health literacy: An exploration of the acquisition, understanding, and use of health information.

Acuff, L., Miller, L., & **Dalton, E. D.** (analyzing, drafting). Uncertainty among people with diabetes and their spouses.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Dalton, E. D.** "I'm sorry, like, it wasn't supposed to happen this way": Relational turbulence in adolescent pregnancy. Paper to be presented at the Southern States Communication Association 88th Annual Convention (Interpersonal Communication Division), April 2018, Nashville, TN.

**Dalton, E. D.**, Tenopir, C., Christian, L, and Bjork, B.-C. Communicating our scholarship: Examining academic cluster types in orientation toward Open Access publishing. Paper to be presented at the Southern States Communication Association 88th Annual Convention (Applied Communication Division), April 2018, Nashville, TN.

**Dalton, E. D**., Eldredge, S., Pjesivac, I., & Miller, L. Disclosure, trust, and prenatal care: The trust-attraction hypothesis in obstetric nurse-patient communication. Poster presented at the 4th Biennial DC Health Communication Conference, April 2017. Fairfax, VA.

Christian, L., Jones, M., **Dalton, E. D**., Fish, A., & Tenopir, C. (2016, October). Imagining a Gold Open Access world: How does the library’s role in assessment change? 2016 Library Assessment Conference, Arlington, VA.

Eldredge, S., Wright, C., & **Dalton, E. D.** (2016, April). Examining the relational aspects of patient-provider interaction: A typology of patient-provider relational turning points. Southern States Communication Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Jones, M., Christian, L., & **Dalton, E. D.** (2016, February). Institutional costs of Gold Open Access: A closer look at graduate student opinions and practices. Poster presented at the Annual Research Symposium, College of Communication & Information, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Pjesivac, I., **Dalton, E. D.,** & Tenopir, C. (2015, June). The effects of perceived risk and attitudes toward access to data on data sharing practices. Poster presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Dalton, E. D.**, Pjesivac, I., Hughes, D., Pollock, D., & Dorsett, K. (2015, February). Data sharing and reuse: What’s new? Revisiting the practices and perceptions of research scientists in 2013-2014. Poster presented at the Annual Research Symposium, College of Communication & Information, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

**Dalton, E. D.** (2014, November). Privacy maintenance and disclosure decisions in Appalachian adolescent pregnancy. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual conference, Chicago, IL.

**Dalton, E. D.** (2014, April). Building a conceptual framework and research agenda for health aliteracy and persuasion. Paper presented at the Southern States Communication Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA.

Eldredge, S., **Dalton, E. D.,** & Miller, L. (2013, November). The influence of families on nurse-patient communication and pain management. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual conference, Washington, D.C.

Miller, L., **Dalton, E. D.,** & Eldredge, S. (2013, June). “Pain is what the patient says it is”: Nurse-patient communication, information seeking, and pain management. Paper presented at the International Communication Association annual convention, London, England.

Miller, L., **Dalton, E. D.**, & Eldredge, S. (2013, March). Nurse-patient interactions about pain management and prescription opioids. Poster presented at the annual STTI Gamma Chi Interprofessional Healthcare Research Day, University of Tennessee College of Nursing, Knoxville, TN.

**Dalton, E. D.,** Eldredge, S., & Miller, L. (2013, March). “Life is not supposed to be pain-free”: Nurse-patient communication, health literacy, and the abnormalization of pain. Poster presented at the D.C. Health Communication Conference, Fairfax, VA.

**Dalton, E**. **D.** (2012, November). The protective effects of adolescent motherhood in South Central Appalachia: Salvation from drugs and emptiness. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual convention, Orlando, FL. (Top paper, Ethnography division)

**Dalton, E. D.**, & Miller, L. (2012, November). Health literacy and adolescent motherhood: A framework for cultural understanding. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual convention, Orlando, FL. (Top paper, Applied Communication division)

Kelly, S., **Dalton, E. D.,** Eldredge, S., Miller, L. (2012, April). Developing measures of active and passive information seeking*.* Poster presented at the University of Kentucky’s biennial Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY.

**Dalton, E. D.** (2012, February). Motherhood as salvation: The meaning of motherhood to young Appalachian mothers. Paper presented at the Annual Research Symposium, College of Communication & Information, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. (Top Paper)

Miller, L., & **Dalton, E. D.** (2011, October). Perceptions of mental health in rural Appalachia. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Exposition, Washington, D.C.

Imre, I., Radovic, I., **Dalton, E. D.**, & Eldredge, S. (2011, October). Covering health care: American newspaper editorials amid 2009’s debate of legislative reform. Paper presented at the Conference on Political Communication Research, Lisbon, Portugal.

**Dortch, E**. (2009, August). The discourse of white supremacy: A textual analysis of racist websites. Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication national convention, Boston, MA.

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & SCHOLARSHIPS**

2016- 2017 **MTSU Faculty Research and Creative Activity Committee (FRCAC)**

**Awarded:** Summer Research Grant ($7,250.00)

2017 **MTSU Public Service Grant** (on behalf of Raiderthon student organization)

**Submitted; under review** ($21,675.00)

2014 **Karl & Madira Bickel Scholarship**, **University of Tennessee, Knoxville**   
Award to support dissertation-related travel ($750)

2012 **Risk, Health, & Crisis Communication Research Unit Summer Research Fellow, University of Tennessee, Knoxville**  
Competitive summer research appointment ($3,500)

2010 – 2011 **J. Wallace & Katie Dean Fellow, University of Tennessee, Knoxville** Fellowship for first-time enrollees in a graduate program at UT, awarded through departmental nomination and candidate application process($15,000)

**HONORS & AWARDS**

**Middle Tennessee State University**

June 2017 Recognized by undergraduates as a person at MTSU who makes a real difference to our students through Office of the Vice Provost

**National Communication Association**

November 2012 **Top 4 paper panel**, Ethnography Division

November 2012 **Top 4 paper panel**, Applied Communication Division

**University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

February 2014 **Top poster**, University of Tennessee College of Communication & Information Annual Research Symposium

April 2013 **Outstanding Doctoral Student Award**, Graduate Student Association, College of Communication & Information

February 2012 **Top graduate student paper**, University of Tennessee College of Communication & Information Annual Research Symposium

**Middle Tennessee State University**

April 2009 **Outstanding Achievement as a Graduate** **Student Award**

**SERVICE**

**Discipline**

**Conference Submission Reviewer**National Communication Association, Health Communication Division (2013 – Present)

National Communication Association, Applied Communication Division (2017)

**Ad Hoc Reviewer***Communication Studies*, Central States Communication Association (2011 – 2013)

*Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, Sage Publications (2014 – Present)  
*PLOS ONE* (2015 – Present)

**Southern States Communication Association**

Panel Respondent (Submitted)

2018 Annual Conference

**University**

**MTSU College of Liberal Arts Academic Appeals Subcommittee**

Member, 2017

**MTSU Food Service Committee**  
 Member, 2017

**MTSU Information Literacy Faculty Advisory Group-** James E. Walker LibraryMember, 2016 - 2017

**Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee-** Matthew Posey (Public Relations)  
Advisor, 2016 – 2017

**MTSU Raiderthon Student Organization**

Faculty Advisor, 2016 – 2017

**Department**

**Health Communication Concentration Curriculum Committee**

Chair, 2017

**Organizational Communication Concentration Curriculum Committee**

Member, 2017

**Hiring Committee: Communication Studies**

Member, 2017

**Evaluation and Retention of Full-Time Temporary Faculty**

Member, 2016 – 2017

**Communication Studies and** **Organizational Communication Curriculum**

Member, 2016 – 2017

**Community**

**Knoxville Area Home Visitation Coalition**Member (2011 – 2014)

**Junior League of Knoxville**Child Health & Wellness Committee (2010 – 2012)

**CERTIFICATES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

MTSU Grant Writing Enhancement Program (September 2017 – May 2020).

National Communication Association Pre-Conference workshop: Early Careers in Health Communication Scholarship (November 2014). Chair: Margaret F. Clayton (University of Utah), Chicago, IL.

R 1 (R Programming): University of Tennessee Office of Information Technology Workshops (September 2014). Instructor: Bob Muenchen (OIT), Knoxville, TN.

Qualtrics Web Survey Design: University of Tennessee Office of Information Technology Workshops (September 2014). Instructor: Cary Springer (OIT), Knoxville, TN.

ATLAS.ti 1 & ATLAS.ti2: University of Tennessee Office of Information Technology Workshops (January/February 2014). Instructor: Ann Bennett (OIT), Knoxville, TN.

National Communication Association Pre-Conference workshop: Early Careers in Health Communication Scholarship (November 2013). Chair: Dr., Chicago, IL.

National Communication Association Short Course: Key Steps in Qualitative Analysis: Creating a Path through the Maze (November 2013). Chair: Sarah Jane Tracy (University of Arizona), Washington, DC.

Tennessee Teaching & Learning Center Pedagogy Seminar (September 2012). Instructor: David Schumann (University of Tennessee), Knoxville, TN.

East Tennessee Prescription Drug Summit (July 2011). Sponsor: US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Knoxville, TN.

Writing Successful Grants Workshop, Office of Research & Engagement (January 2011). Instructor: Robert Porter (University of Tennessee), Knoxville, TN.

Best Practices in Teaching Program participant (September – November 2010). Lead instructor: Joy DeSensi (University of Tennessee), Knoxville, TN.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**National Communication Association** (2010 – Present)Washington, DC

**International Communication Association** (2010 – Present)  
Washington, DC

**Southern States Communication Association** (2010 – Present)

**American Public Health Association** (2010 – Present)Washington, DC