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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2016)

Department of Communication, Cornell University
Major Area: Science Communication
Minor Area: Science and Technology Studies
Committee: Dr. Bruce Lewenstein (chair), Dr. Katherine McComas, Dr. Clifford Scherer, Dr. Stephen Hilgartner

M.S. (2014)

Department of Communication, Cornell University
Major Area: Science Communication
Minor Area: Science and Technology Studies; Statistics
Committee: Dr. Bruce Lewenstein (chair), Dr. Katherine McComas, Dr. Clifford Scherer, Dr. Stephen Hilgartner

M.S. (2010)

Department of Communication, North Carolina State University
Major Area: Public Communication of Science and Technology
Minor Area: Risk and Environmental Communication
Committee: Dr. David Berube (chair), Dr. William Kinsella, Dr. Melissa Johnson

B.E. (2008)

Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Osmania University
Focus: Electrical and Electronics Engineering

PUBLICATIONS

Accepted Publications

Tallapragada, M., Eosco, G. M., McComas, K. A. (2015). Aware, Yet Ignorant: The Influences of Funding and Conflicts of Interests in Research Among Early Career Researchers. *Science & Engineering Ethics*. DOI 10.1007/s11948-016-9764-3

Tallapragada, M., Williams, K. & Schrader, D. E. (*In press*). Intellectual safety: Does your personality type contribute to whether or not you take intellectual risks in classes? *Classroom Research Working Paper Series*, Volume 4.

Scherer, C. W., Porticella, N. A., **Tallapragada, M.** & Deline, M. E. (2015). The themes of the Hudson river: A content analysis of newspapers along the Hudson river. [New York State Water Resource Institute](#).

Eosco, E., **Tallapragada, M.**, McComas, K. A. & Brady, M. (2014). Exploring societal and ethical views of nanotechnology REUs. *Nanoethics*, 8(1), 91-99. DOI: 10.1007/s11569-014-0192-z.

Tallapragada, M., Misaras, I. C., Burke, K., & Waters, R. D. (2012). Identifying the best practices of mediacatching: A national survey of media relations practitioners. *Public Relations Review*, 38(5), 926-931.

PRESENTATIONS

Tallapragada, M., Schrader, D.E, & Williams, K. (November, 2015). Are your students willing to take an intellectual risk? How you can raise intellectual safety in your classrooms. All-Network Mid-Project Teaching As Research Conference.

Schrader, D. E., Soong, A., Lacks, R. & **Tallapragada, M.** (October, 2015). Talking about private information: Social media affordances, contextual collapse, and social aggregation. Association for Moral Education Conference (AME). Santos, Brazil.

Tallapragada, M., Eosco, G. M., McComas, K. A. (August, 2015). Aware, Yet Ignorant: The Influences of Funding and Conflicts of Interests in Research Among Early Career Researchers. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC). San Francisco, CA.

Tallapragada, M., Schrader, D.E, & Williams, K. (May, 2015). Feel safe in your classroom? Presenting at the Classroom Teaching and Research Symposium. Center for Teaching Excellence and Center for Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning. Cornell University.

Tallapragada, M., Eosco, G. E., Deline, M. B. & Scherer, C. W. (December, 2014). Influence of Community Structure on Environmental Communication: A Content Analysis along the Local Newspapers of the Hudson River Valley. Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) 2014 Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

Tallapragada, M. (September, 2014). Experts and activists: Do you have to be one or the other? Society for the Study of Nanoscience and Emerging Technologies (S.NET): Sixth Annual Meeting (Better Technologies With No Regret?). Karlsruhe, Germany. [Accepted, but did not present.]

Tallapragada, M. (November, 2014). Expanding the “locus of control”: Co-producing a fair assessment system. Great Ideas for Teaching Students. National Communication Association (NCA). Chicago, IL.

Tallapragada, M. (2014). Are activists experts? Consequences for deliberation in hydraulic fracturing. The Northeast Science & Technology Studies Graduate Student Conference. Department of Science & Technology Studies, Cornell University.

Tallapragada, M., Shanahan, J. & Lewenstein, B. V. (August, 2013). Controversial science in the Indian fourth estate: A content analysis of media presentations of GM eggplant. Department of Communication, Cornell University.

Tallapragada, M. (June, 2013). Challenges of a rejected technology: Communication solutions to the Bt eggplant case in rural India. Poster presented at the 2013 Conference of International Communication Association (ICA). London, UK.

Eosco, G. M., **Tallapragada, M.,** McComas, K. A., & Brady, M. (December, 2012). Stimulating reflective research among undergraduate researchers of nanotechnology. Poster presented at the Society of Risk Analysis (SRA) 2012 Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Dannels, D. & **Tallapragada, M.** (November, 2011). The "Foreign" Voice: Using Research and Narratives of International Teaching Assistants to Design Training and Development. Co-facilitator and presenter at the 2011 National Communication Association (NCA) Preconference. New Orleans, LA.

Tallapragada, M. (March, 2010). Public engagement in developing countries: A proposal for engagement for nanotechnology in water purification. First place in Humanities and Design division at the 5th Annual NCSU Graduate Student Research Symposium. Raleigh, NC.

Tallapragada, M. (April, 2010). Public engagement in developing countries. 101 Annual Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Convention, Baltimore, MD.

Tallapragada, M., Punnamaraju, D. S. & Snehalatha, M. S. (May, 2008). Automation with Variable Frequency Drives for energy conservation in collaboration with SIEMENS, Hyderabad, India. CBIT, India.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Fellowships

Glass Family Fellowship (2015). Department of Communication for leadership and service to the Department, Field, and Cornell University. (Competitive selection)

Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship (2015). The Center for Teaching Excellence. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. (Competitive selection)

Graduate Teaching and Research Fellowship (2014). The Center for Teaching Excellence. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. (Competitive selection)

Awards

Doctoral Honors (2014). National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Seminar. Hosted by University of Maryland, College Park. (Competitive selection)

CALS Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (2014). College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University. Ithaca, New York. (Competitive selection)

Elected Graduate Speaker at the Graduation Ceremony (2010). Department of Communication, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, North Carolina.

First place in the Humanities and Design division at the 5th Annual NCSU Graduate Student Research Symposium (2010). Raleigh, North Carolina. (Competitive selection).

Winners Featured Story (2010). Meet Meghna Tallapragada. Department of Communication, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, North Carolina.

EXPERIENCE

Trainer Experience

Societal and Ethical Issues Trainer, Cornell Nanoscale Science & Technology Facility (Fall, 2012 onwards)

Previously a part of National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network and now National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure funded by the National Science Foundation.

Conducting orientation every week for new users (graduate students, postdoctoral students, faculty, and industry researchers) to the Cornell Nanoscale Science & Technology Facility.

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell University (Summer, 2015)

Assisting Dr. Dawn Schrader in education/gossip research.

Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell University (Fall, 2012; Spring, 2013; Summer, 2013)

NSF funded National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network: Cornell Nanoscale Science & Technology Facility

Assisted Dr. Katherine McComas with her duties as Societal & Ethical Issues coordinator.

Graduate Research Assistant, Cornell University (Summer, 2012)

USDA AFRI project on late blight

Assisted Dr. Geri Gay, Dr. Katherine McComas, and Dr. Connie Yuan with their study on US farmers' late blight issues and emerging technology solutions.

Graduate Research Assistant at Public Communication of Science & Technology (PCOST)-NCSU (Fall, 2009; Spring, 2010; Fall, 2010)
Assisted Dr. David Berube maintain a nanotechnology database, a blog called "Nano News Update," and citizens' guides for nanotechnology.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Cornell University (Spring, 2016)
COMM 2850: Communication, Environment, Health and Science
Teaching an introductory course to the focus area of science, health, environment, and risk communication. Redesigned the syllabus.
Lead instructor, assisted by two graduate teaching assistants.
Student enrollment: 120

Instructor, Cornell University (Fall, 2015)
COMM 4220: Psychology of Entertainment
Student enrollment: 50

Visiting Lecturer, Cornell University (Spring, 2015)
COMM 2850: Communication, Environment, Health and Science
Taught an introductory course to the focus area of science, health, environment, and risk communication. Redesigned the syllabus.
Lead instructor, assisted by two graduate teaching assistants.
Student enrollment: 120

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Cornell University (Fall, 2014)
COMM 3110: Educational Psychology
Led a team of 8 undergraduate teaching assistants to support Dr. Dawn Schrader with her course of approximately 120 students.

Graduate Lecturer, Cornell University (Summer, 2014)
COMM 2010: Designed syllabus and taught a class size of 15 high school students, Cornell students, and Cornell staff.

Instructor, Cornell University (Spring, 2014)
COMM 2010: Oral Communication
Taught 60 students and managed four undergraduate teaching assistants.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Cornell University (Fall, 2013)
COMM 3110: Educational Psychology
Led a team of 8 undergraduate teaching assistants to support Dr. Dawn Schrader run her course of approximately 120 students.

Instructor, Cornell University (Spring, 2012)
COMM 2010: Oral Communication
Taught 60 students and managed four undergraduate teaching assistants.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Cornell University (Fall, 2011)

COMM 2450: Communication and Technology

Led a team of 3 undergraduate teaching assistants to support Dr. Jeff Hancock with his course of 180 students.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Courses

ALS 6015: Teaching in Higher Education

ALS 6016: Teaching as Research in Higher Education

Workshops

Building Future Faculty Workshop (April 2-5, 2014). North Carolina State University. Raleigh, North Carolina. (Competitive Selection)

Center for Nanotechnology in Society (January 3-10, 2013).. Arizona State University, in collaboration with University of Wisconsin – Madison and Georgia Institute of Technology, inaugural Winter School in the Anticipatory Governance of Emerging Technologies. Saguaro Lake Ranch, Mesa, Arizona. (Competitive Selection)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Facilitator GET SET Workshop (2015). Led a workshop for graduate students, post-doctoral students, and faculty/staff on “Overcoming anxiety about public speaking.”

Facilitator for College of Human Ecology (2015). Led a workshop for students in the College on “Communicating confidence for a dynamic presentation.”

Facilitator GET SET Workshop (2015). Led a workshop for graduate students, post-doctoral students, and faculty/staff on “Teaching large lectures.”

Facilitator GET SET Workshop (2015). Led a workshop for graduate students, post-doctoral students, and faculty/staff on “Inclusive classrooms.”

Facilitator University-Wide Symposium (2015). Led a workshop for graduate students, post-doctoral students, and faculty/staff on “Transforming teaching moments.”

Guest Lecture (2015). Activist learning in the hydraulic fracturing debate.

Communication and the Environment. Department of Communication. Cornell University.

Guest Lecture (2015). Environmental Communication in Natural Resources & Society. Department of Natural Resources. Cornell University.

Facilitator of the Teaching Excellence Program (2014). Individually trained International Teaching Assistants (from Departments of Engineering, Fiber Science & Apparel Design, Operations Research, & Physics) on their teaching.

Facilitator GET SET Workshop (2014). Facilitated a workshop for graduate students and post doctoral students on “Finding the leader within you: Developing your professional identity.”

Elected Graduate Student Representative in the Department of Communication (2012-2014). Cornell University.

President, Communication Director, & Liaison (2013-2015). Graduate student body of Salsa ¡Pa'lante!. Cornell University.

Communication Consultant for an International PR Project (January 2010 - May 2010). Capital Area Soccer League in collaborate with Chelsea Football Club. Raleigh, North Carolina.

Campaign Developer. (January 2010 - May 2010). Irvin Learning Farm: Triangle Land Conservancy.

Conference Organizer (2007 & 2008). National Electrical & Electronics Engineering Symposiums. Chaitanya Bharati Institute of Technology, Osmania University, Andhra Pradesh, India.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC)
National Communication Association (NCA)
International Communication Association (ICA)
Society for Risk Analysis (SRA)

OTHER SERVICES

Invited speaker (March 14, 2014). Indian culture. Dryden Elementary School. Dryden, NY.

Invited panelist (January 16, 2014). Experiences at Cornell University and the United States. Training Program for Hasbrouck Graduate Community Assistants. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Canine companion (2013). Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), Tompkins County, NY.

Member of the Concrete Canoe, mix team. (Summer, 2012). Department of Civil Engineering, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

OTHER HONORS

Job Recruitment Coordinator (2007-2008). Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Black Belt, II Dan, Okinawa Karate. (2003). Multiple state and national level gold, silver and bronze medals.

First Female Kickboxer in the State of Andhra Pradesh, India (2000). National (Indian) level gold medalist.