

Curriculum Vitae
Christopher M. Dobmeier

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Communication Studies, Northwestern University (expected June 2025)

Certificate in Management for Doctoral Students, Kellogg School of Management (July 2024)

Dissertation: Exploring Potential Mechanisms, Antecedents, and Boundary Conditions of
Normative Influence from Parasocial Figures

Committee: Drs. Nathan Walter (Advisor), Lance Holbert, Derek Rucker, Courtney Scherr

M.A. in Communication, SUNY, The University at Buffalo (May 2020)

Thesis: Passing the testes: Examining the effects of humor in testicular self-exams.

Advisor: Dr. Lance Rintamaki

B.A. in Communication, SUNY, The University at Buffalo (May 2018)

RESEARCH

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

6. Brooks, J. J., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Walter, N. (2025). "How do we put the country back together?" Mitigating affective polarization through mediated intergroup contact. *Mass Communication and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15205436.2024.2332341>
5. Nabi, R., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Robbins, C. L., Torres, D. P., & Walter, N. (2024). Effects of scanning health news headlines on trust in science: An emotional framing perspective. *Health Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2024.2321404>
4. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Brooks, J. J., Walter, N., & Holbert, R. L. (2023). From punchlines to punches: A meta-analysis of the persuasive effects of Horatian and Juvenalian political satires. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 10776990231202698. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10776990231202698>
3. Hundal, K., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Walter, N., Nabi, R., & Scherr, C. L. (2023). Using emotional flow in patient testimonials to debias affective forecasting in health decision-making. *Communication Monographs*, 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2023.2252486>
2. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Ophir, Y., Walter, D., & Hubner, A. Y. (2023). Mapping the media genome: An unsupervised machine learning analysis of news framing of direct-to-consumer genetic testing kits. *Mass Communication and Society*, 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15205436.2023.2240314>

1. Rintamaki, L., Kosenko, K., Hogan, T., Scott, A. M., **Dobmeier, C.**, Tingue, E., & Peek, D. (2019). The role of stigma management in HIV treatment adherence. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16(24), 5003. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph16245003>

BOOK CHAPTERS & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

3. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Zier, J. A., & Walter, N. (2025). Characteristics of crisis misinformation messages and social media. In K. B. Wright (Ed.), *Communicating about science during crisis events in the age of social media and misinformation: Identifying, analyzing, and correcting misinformation*.
2. Walter, N., Demetriades, S., & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (2023). Misinformation. In A. Goodboy & K. Shultz (Eds.), *Introduction to communication studies: Translating communication scholarship into meaningful practice*. 2nd Edition.
1. Rintamaki, L. S. & **Dobmeier, C.M.** (2022) Sexual communication. In E. Y. Ho, C. L. Bylund, & J. C. M. van Weert (Eds.), *The international encyclopedia of health communication*.

WORKS UNDER PEER REVIEW

4. **Dobmeier, C. M.** & Saucier, C. S. (R&R). A mental models approach to communication: Integrating the features, mechanisms, and functions of mental modeling. *Communication Theory*.
3. Walter, N., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Feeley, T. H., Noar, S. M., & Rains, S. A. (R&R). Is time of the essence? A temporal meta-synthesis of the effects of time on media effects theories. *Journal of Communication*.
2. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Walter, N., Scott, A. L., & Sun, Y. (Under review). The roles of social and parasocial relationships on normative perceptions of unhealthy dieting and fitness. *Health Communication*.
1. Lee, J. & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (Under review). Motivation through self-referencing: Testing a novel deepfake intervention for health behavior change. *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

3. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Lee, J. (In progress). Deepfaking the political divide: The mediating role of perceived realism on affective (de-)polarization in prosocial deepfakes.
2. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Kalny, C. S., & Suresh, S. (In progress). Rotten apples and moldy oranges: Meta-analytic insights into the differential influence of physical and moral disgust.
1. Nabi, R. & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (In progress). An Explication of Emotional Bandwidth as a Limited Human Resource.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

19. **Dobmeier, C. M.** & Lee, J. (Submitted). The Humor and Cynicism of Political Deepfakes. The 11th International Conference on Computational Social Science. Norrköping, Sweden.
18. Lee, J., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Heo, M., & Woo, S. (Submitted). Examining Self-Disclosure of Mental Health via Deepfakes. The 11th International Conference on Computational Social Science. Norrköping, Sweden.
17. Walter, N., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Rains, S., Feeley, T. H., & Noar, S. (2025). *Why the Effects of Media Effects Gradually Decline*. The 75th International Communication Association Convention. Denver, CO, USA.
16. Edgerly, S., Lokmanoglu, A., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Walter, N. (2025). *The Meaning of News: A Computational Approach Toward Understanding Lay Schemata of News*. The 75th International Communication Association Convention. Denver, CO, USA.
15. Edgerly, S., Lokmonaglu, A., Walter, N., & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (2025). *The News About News: Exploring Differences in How Partisans Understand the Concept of 'News.'* The 2025 Southern Political Science Association meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
14. [†] **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Saucier, C. J. (2024). *A Mental Models Approach to Communication: Unifying the Features, Mechanisms, and Functions of Mental Modeling*. The 110th National Communication Association Convention. New Orleans, LA.
13. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Walter, N., Scott, A. M., & Sun, Y. (2024). *Norms from Friends and Family or #FitFam? The Roles of Social and Parasocial Norms on Unhealthy Dieting and Fitness*. The 110th National Communication Association Convention. New Orleans, LA.
12. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Kalny, C. S., Walter, N., & Nabi, R. (2024). *Feelings about Feelings: Accounting for Meta-Emotions in Persuasion*. The International Society for Research on Emotions. Belfast, GB-NIR.
11. Nabi, R., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Walter, N., Myrick, J., & Wang, M. (2024). *Using Hope-Evoking Media to Increase Emotional Bandwidth and Decrease Stress: A Media Prescription Perspective*. The International Society for Research on Emotions. Belfast, GB-NIR.
10. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Kalny, C. S., & Suresh, S. (2023). *The Differential Influence of Physical and Moral Disgust Elicitors on Cognition*. The 109th National Communication Association Convention. National Harbor, MD.
9. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Brooks, J. J., Walter, N., & Holbert, R. L. (2023). *From Punchlines to Punches: A Meta-Analysis of the Persuasive Effects of Horatian and Juvenalian Political Satires*. The 73rd International Communication Association Convention. Toronto, Canada.

^{††}Top Student Paper Award

8. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Kalny, C. S., & Suresh, S. (2023). *From Super Gross to Superfood: Reducing Disgust in Novel Sustainable Foods*. The 73rd International Communication Association Convention. Toronto, Canada.
7. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Ophir, Y., Walter, D., & Hubner, A. Y. (2022). *Mapping the Media Genome: An Unsupervised Machine Learning Analysis News Framing of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing Kits*. The 72nd International Communication Association Convention. Paris, France.
6. Kalke, K., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Walter, N., Scherr, C., & Nabi, R. (2022). *Clearing the Passage for Persuasion: Exploring the Use of Emotional Flow to Debias Affective Forecasting in the Context of Colonoscopy*. The 72nd International Communication Association Convention. Paris, France.
5. Brooks, J. J., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Walter, N. (2021). *Affective De-Polarization in The Connors*. The 107th National Communication Association Convention, Seattle, WA.
4. ^{††} Rintamaki, L. S. & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (2021). *The EDGE: Findings from 2,500 employer interviews on how Communication programs can best prepare students for entering the competitive workforce*. (2021). Panel. The 107th National Communication Association Convention. Seattle, WA.
3. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Rintamaki, L. S. (2020). *Young Singaporean women's perceptions of severity and susceptibility regarding cervical cancer: Key insights for health message design and promotion*. The 106th National Communication Association Convention. [Virtual](#).
2. Tingue, E. K., Rintamaki, L. S., & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (2020). *The effects of physician's physical attractiveness on patient deception when discussing sexual health*. The 106th National Communication Association Convention. [Virtual](#).
1. **Dobmeier, C. M.**, Ophir, Y., & Walter, D. (2020). *Media coverage of direct-to-consumer genetic testing kits*. The 70th International Communication Association Convention. [Virtual](#).

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Lee, J. & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (2024-2025). *Toward Healthy Communication Through Deepfake Self-Modeling Learning*, Sungkyun AI Research Institute, Sungkyunkwan University.
- Rintamaki, L. S. & **Dobmeier, C. M.** (2019-2021). *The EDGE: Findings from 2,500 Employer Interviews on How Communication Programs Can Best Prepare Students for Entering the Competitive Workforce*, EXCITE Grant, University at Buffalo.
- Rintamaki, L. S., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Tingue, E. (2019-2020). *Patient Preferences for How Physicians Approach Sexual Health Topics*. Nila T. Gnammm Junior Faculty Research Grant (\$1,500), University at Buffalo.
- Dobmeier, C. M.**, Tingue, E., & Rintamaki, L. S. (2019-2020). *Young Singaporean Women's Perceptions of Pap Smear and Cervical Cancer*. Mark Diamond Research Grant (\$1,500), University at

^{2††} Top Panel Award

Buffalo.

Tingue, E., **Dobmeier, C. M.**, & Rintamaki, L. S. (2019-2020). *Patient Appraisal of Non-Clinical Touch by Supportive Physicians*. Mark Diamond Research Grant (\$1,500), University at Buffalo.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Programs

2021 – pres. BA in Communication Studies (NU)
 2020 – pres. MS in Communication (NU)
 2020 – pres. MS in Leadership for Creative Enterprises (NU)
 2020 – 2021 MS in Health Communication (NU)
 2014 – 2020 BA in Communication (UB)

Instructor

COMM_ST 102: Public Speaking (NU)
 *COM 417: Advanced Written Communication (UB)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

COM 101: Principles of Communication (UB)
 COMM_ST 205: Theories of Persuasion (NU)
 COMM_ST 225: Communication in Culture (NU)
 COMM_ST 250: Team Leadership & Decision-Making (NU)
 COMM_ST 295: Sport Communication (NU)
 COMM_ST 395: Social Media, Technology, & Mental Health (NU)
 HLTH_COM 429: The Social Context of Illness (NU)
 MSC 492: Understanding and Leveraging Networks (NU)
 MSC 529: Conflict Management (NU)
 MSC 540: Leading Teams to Execute (NU)
 MSC 540: Leading Collaboration (NU)
 MSCLE 472: Marketing Strategies in Creative Industries (NU)
 MSLCE 529: The Strategic Power of Storytelling (NU)

Invited Talks, Lectures, and Panels

15. Management for PhDs Alumni Panel. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University (February 2025).
14. Influential Storytelling in a Contemporary Media Environment. Darden Graduate School of Business, University of Virginia (January 2025).
13. Rethinking Strategic Communication in an Evolving Media Environment. School of Communication, Western Michigan University (January 2025).
12. The Case for Quantitative Research. School of Communication, Western Michigan University (January 2025).
11. Beyond Cognition: Rethinking Risk Communication in a Saturated Media Environment. Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University (October 2024).
10. The Strategic Power of Storytelling for Social Good: Evaluating Entertainment-Education Programmes. Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University (October 2024).
9. Shared Mental Models in Team Sport and Leadership. School of Communication, Northwestern University (February 2025).

^{3*} Co-Instructor

8. Parasocial Relationships with Social Media Influencers. School of Communication, Northwestern University (October 2024).
7. Satire as a Tool for Climate Action. School of Communication, Northwestern University (May 2024).
6. The Entertainment-Education Value of Political Satire. Department of Communication, University at Buffalo (October 2023).
5. Social Stigma in Illness. Master's in Health Communication Program, Northwestern University (June 2021).
4. Understanding Humor in Communication. Department of Communication, University at Buffalo (November 2019).
3. Bridging the Domestic-International Student Divide through Shared Intercultural Experiences. International Student Orientation, University at Buffalo (August 2018).
2. Studying Abroad: Making the Most of your Buffalo Experience. University at Buffalo: Singapore Institute of Management (May 2018).
1. The Importance of On-Campus Diversity for Domestic Students. International Student Orientation, University at Buffalo (January 2017).

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dissertation Research Award (\$1,750), *Recipient*, Department of Media, Technology, & Society, 2024
Top Student Paper Award, Social Cognition, National Communication Association, 2024
ISRE Travel Award (£500), *Recipient*, International Society for Researchers in Emotions, 2024
TGS Conference Travel Grant (\$800), *Recipient*, Northwestern University, 2024
Presidential Fellowship, *Nominee*, Northwestern University, 2024
Center for Leadership Fellowship, *Fellow*, Northwestern University, 2023-24
Buffett Institute Conference Travel Award (\$1,000), Northwestern University, 2023
External Research Methods Training Award (\$2,000), Northwestern University, 2023
Kaplan Co-Sponsorship Grant (\$800), *Recipient*, Northwestern University, 2022
Graduate Student Instructor Award, *Nominee*, Northwestern University, 2022
Top Panel Award, Communication Assessment, National Communication Association, 2021
Amanda L. Kundrat Thesis of the Year, *Finalist*, National Communication Association, 2021
J. Scott Fleming Merit Award (\$1,000), University at Buffalo, 2020
Charles S. and Myra Jacobowitz Scholarship (\$2,000), University at Buffalo, 2019
Professional Development Awards (\$2,000), University at Buffalo, 2018, 2019
Division of University Communications Scholarship (\$2,000), University at Buffalo, 2019
LEAD Distinguished Ally Award, University at Buffalo, 2019
Outstanding Senior, *Nominee*, Department of Communication, University at Buffalo, 2018
Sociological Promise Award, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, 2017
Faculty Choice Award, Department of Digital Media Studies, University at Buffalo, 2017

APPOINTMENTS

2021-Present	Northwestern Prisoner Education Program (NPEP); Logan Correctional Facility
2021	Population Media International, Research Consultant for <i>Yam Yankré</i> (Burkina Faso)
2018-2019	Office of International Education, Graduate Assistant, University at Buffalo
2018-2019	Blackstone LaunchPad, Graduate Assistant, University at Buffalo

SERVICE

Department Service

Brown Bag Planning Committee, Department of Communication Studies, Northwestern University, 2021
Graduate Student Welcome Weekend Coordinator, Department of Communication Studies, Northwestern University, 2021

Treasurer, Communication Graduate Student Association, Department of Communication, University at Buffalo, 2019-2020

First-Year Representative, Communication Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, 2018-2019

Professional Service

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer

Cyberpsychology

Health Communication

International Journal of Communication

PNAS Nexus

Science Communication

Conference Reviewer

International Communication Association

National Communication Association

Grant/Scholarship Reviewer

UBAA Alumni Scholarship, University at Buffalo (2023, 2024)

Mark Diamond Research Fund, University at Buffalo (2020)

University Service

2020 Student Wellness Advisory Group

2018-2020 International Student Service Advisory Board (GloBULL Leader)

2018-2019 Cultural Partner, International Student Mentorship Program

Volunteer Service

2017-2020 International Student Orientation, University at Buffalo

2019 English Language Institute, Trip Coordinator; University at Buffalo

2014-2019 Circle K International (CKI)