

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Communication Studies. August, 2011. School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
Dissertation: "Isolated Incidents or Deliberate Policy? Media Framing of U.S. Abu Ghraib and British Detainee Abuse Scandals During the Iraq War."

Areas of academic interest: intercultural communication, comparative media studies, organizational communication, and political communication

M.A. in Mass Communication. May 2001. School of Communication Studies, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
Thesis: "Content Analysis of the Coverage of the 1997 Elections in Bosnia in American, British, and Russian Press."

M.A. in Information Management. June 1997. Department of Communication, University of Vilnius, Vilnius, Lithuania
Thesis: "Organizational Communication Studies: Past, Present, and Future Curriculum Assessment."

Non-Degree studies in Information Science, Organizations and Leadership, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, November 1995 - November 1996. Included participation in the Teacher-Training Program

B.A. in Information Management. June 1995. Department of Communication, University of Vilnius, Vilnius, Lithuania
Thesis: "Agenda-Setting Function of the Mass Media."

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer, Department of Communication, School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. August 2011-current

Instructor, Department of Communication, School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. August 2005-August 2011

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Interpersonal Communication, School of Communication Studies, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. August 2004-July 2005

Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Communication Studies, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, August 2000 – July 2003

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Program Coordinator, Graduate Student Enhancement Program (GradSTEP),
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. August 1998 - August 2004

- Assisted in organizing a yearly program for over 600 new graduate students
- Revised program and session evaluation instruments and analyzed program evaluation data with SPSS
- GradSTEP Webmaster <http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/grad/gradstep>
- Adapted GradSTEP documentation for online publication

Graduate Assistant, Project PICT: Pre-service Infusion of Computer Technology,
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. August 1999 - July 2000

- Assisted in organizing meetings with BGSU faculty and K-12 teachers
- Developed evaluation instrument for workshops
- Assisted with developing the PICT Home Page
<http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/edhd/LPS/EDFI/PICT>

Information Manager and Aid to Advisor to President, President's Office of the Republic
of Lithuania. December 1996 - May 1997

- Prepared news briefs
- Took meeting minutes
- Coordinated office schedules and activities

Administrative Staff, Department of Communication and Information Theory,
University of Vilnius, Vilnius, Lithuania. September 1994-August 1995

- Coordinated daily office activities
- Proctored student exams
- Took faculty meeting minutes
- Assisted organizing international exchange programs between schools in Lithuania, Sweden, and Netherlands

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

COMM 4090 International Communication (online and f2f delivery)
COMM 4080 Intercultural Communication
COMM 3070 Organizational Communication (online and f2f delivery)
COMM 3060 Interpersonal Communication (online and f2f delivery)
CPMM 3040 Leadership in Communication (online and f2f delivery)
COMM/INST 2100 Communicating in Global Contexts (online and f2f delivery)
INST 2000 Introduction to International Studies (online delivery)
COMM 1020 Introduction to Communication (including Honors and First year
experience sections)
TCOM 3600 Applied Research in Telecommunications
COMM 2030 Small Group Communication
COMM 2010 Human Communication

Internship/Independent Study Supervising

COMM (IPC) 4890. Communication Internship.
COMM 4900. Problems in Communication Studies.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intercultural communication, Comparative Media Studies, Organizational Communication, and Political Communication

GRANTS

Fulbright Fellowship Grant (\$10,000) for studies in the School of Communication, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, USA, August 1997 - May 1998

Wallenberg Fellowship Grant (SEK65,000) for studies in Lund University, Sweden, November 1995 - November 1996

PUBLICATIONS

Croucher, S. M., Braziunaite, R., & Oommen, D. (2012). The effect of religiosity on the relationship between organizational identification and organizational dissent. In S. M. Croucher & T. M. Harris (Eds.), *The Handbook of Religion and Communication: Extensions in Theory, Research, and Method*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing.

Croucher, S. M., Holody, K., Anarbaeva, S., Braziunaite, R., Oommen, D., Spencer, A., Garcia-Michael, V., & Yoon, K., (2012). Religion and the relationship between verbal aggressiveness and argumentativeness. *Atlantic Journal of Communication*, 20(2), 116-129. DOI: 10.1080/15456870.2012.665347.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/15456870.2012.665347>

Croucher, S. M., Braziunaite, R., Homsey, D., Pillai, G., Saxena, J., Saldanha, A., Joshi, V., Jafri, I., Choudhary, P., Bose, L., & Agarwal, K., (2009). Organizational dissent and argumentativeness: A comparative analysis between American and Indian firms. *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*, 38(3): 175-191. <
<http://www.informaworld.com/10.1080/17475759.2009.505057> >.

Braziunaite, R., & Melkote, S.R. (2004). Reporting Bosnia: A study of the coverage of election by the British, Russian, and US Press. *Journal of Communication Studies*, 3(4): 1-23.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Paper Presentations

Braziunaite, R. (November, 2014). Civil society and International Political Discourse: Mediated Reactions to the Crisis in Ukraine. Presented as part of the panel "Transnational Communication: A Working Definition" to the International and Intercultural Communication Division of the 100th National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.

Braziunaite, R. (November, 2013). National identity, collective memories and mediated narratives of patriotism: Celebrating the re-establishment of the State of Lithuania. Presented to the Peace and Conflict Communication Division of the 99th National Communication Association Convention, Washington, DC.

Braziunaite, R. (April 2012). A Picture is worth a thousand words: The role of pictorial evidence and media introspection when covering human rights abuses. Presented to

the International Relations Division at the MPSA's Convention 2012, Chicago, IL.

Braziunaite, R. (November 2011). Who is responsible? The analysis of media coverage of prisoner abuse in Iraq by American and British soldiers. Paper presented to the Peace and Conflict Studies Division at the 97th Annual National Communication Association (NCA) Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Braziunaite, R. (November, 2011). Citizen journalism, crisis communication, and communication technology. Paper presented as part of the panel "Voices of the 2011 revolutions: The impact of communication technology in Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East and North Africa." Presented to the Convention Theme Group of the 97th Convention of the National Communication Association. New Orleans, LA.

Braziunaite, R. (May 2011). Them versus us: Human interest frames in the coverage of prisoner abuse scandal. Paper presented to the Intercultural Communication Division at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Croucher, S. M., Holody, K., Anarbaeva, Braziunaite, R., Oommen, D., Spencer, A. T., Garcia-Michael, V., & Yoon, K. (November 2010). Religion and the relationship between verbal aggressiveness and argumentativeness. Top paper presented to the American Forensics Association Division at the 96th Annual National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Croucher, S. M., Austin, M. L., Berg, Suzanne V. L., & Braziunaite, R. (November 2010). An analysis of the relationship between student affective learning and communication apprehension. Paper presented to the Communication Apprehension Division at the 96th Annual National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA.

Croucher, S. M., Braziunaite R, Homsey, D., Pillai, G., Saxena, J., Saldanha, A., Joshi, V., Jafri, I., Choudhary, P., Bose, L., & Agarwal, K. (June 2010). Organizational dissent and argumentativeness: A comparative analysis between American and Indian organizations. Paper presented to the Organizational Communication Division of the 60th Annual International Communication Association (ICA), Singapore.

Braziunaite, R. & Brendlinger, N. (April 2009). What is good journalism? Perceptions of journalistic roles by the Slovak media workers. Paper presented to the Mass Media and Political Communication Division at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Braziunaite, R. (April, 2007). The fourth estate and torture at Abu Ghraib. Paper presented to the Mass Media and Political Communication Division at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Brendlinger, N. & Braziunaite, R. (February, 2006). Slovak newspaper coverage of the Kosovo conflict: A snapshot of alternative press models. Paper presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Midwinter Conference, Bowling Green, OH.

Braziunaite, R. (November, 2005). Developing international alliances through intercultural/international communication classes. Paper presented as part of the

panel on Global "Warming" trends: Encouraging international contact through alliance building at the National Communication Association (NCA) Convention, Boston, Mass.

Braziunaite, R. & Bekyarska, K. (April, 2004). International media and American attacks in Afghanistan: Differences between American and British coverage during the first week of the attacks. Presented to the Political Communication Division at the annual convention of the Central States Communication Association (CSCA), Cleveland, OH.

Braziunaite, R. (August, 2002). Analysis of the Cold War propaganda techniques in a Post-Cold War documentary "Red Files: Soviet Propaganda Machine." Presented to the International Communication Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), Miami Beach, FL.

Braziunaite, R. & Melkote, S.R. (July, 2002) Bias in international news reports: A content analysis of the British, Russian, and US press reports on the national elections in Bosnia. Presented to the International Communication Division of International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), Barcelona.

Braziunaite, R. (November, 2001) "Red Files: Propaganda about propaganda?" Paper presented at the Communication Mini-Conference, School of Communication, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.

Panel/Invited Presentations and National and Regional Conferences

Braziunaite, R. (November, 2014). Womentoring: Connections/Disconnections Are You My Mentor? Presented to Women's Caucus of the 100th National Communication Association, Washington, DC.

Braziunaite, R. (November, 2013). Womentoring - Who is teaching who? Connections with K-12 educators. Presented to Women's Caucus of the 99th National Communication Association, Washington, DC.

Braziunaite, R. (April, 2013). "Exploring possibilities within the intercultural communication classroom." Panel chair for a session sponsored by the Intercultural Communication Division, Central States Communication Association Convention, Kansas City, MO.

Braziunaite R., & Croucher, S. M. (November, 2009). Religiosity, organizational identification and dissent. Part of the roundtable panel with the authors who are contributing to an upcoming Handbook of Communication and Religion. Presented to the Religious Communication Association of the National Communication Association, Chicago. IL.

Braziunaite, R. (October, 2008). Global connections on campus: International cooperation in communication classes. Part of a panel "Building National Political Bridges: Intercultural Experiences in the Classroom." Presented at Ohio Communication Association annual meeting, Marietta, OH.

Braziunaite, R. (April, 2008.) Facilitating class discussions online. Part of a panel "It's virtually a classroom: Understanding the change and challenge technology has played

in communication pedagogy. Presented at the Southern States Communication Association annual meeting, Savannah, GA.

Braziunaite, R. (March, 2007). Tools for preventing and detecting cheating and plagiarism in an online environment. Workshop on Combating Plagiarism in the Digital Age sponsored by Vice president of the Southern States Communication Association. SSCA Convention, Louisville, Kentucky.

Braziunaite, R. (November, 1998). "Eastern Europe as a focus of attention in the world's international news reporting." Paper presented at the Communication Mini-Conference, School of Communication, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.

Guest Lectures

"National identity, collective memories and mediated narratives of patriotism." Guest lecture on national identity and mediated communication in COMM 4080/ MC 5080 Intercultural Communication, November 4, 2014

"Comparing international media coverages." Guest lecture on news framing as a research method in MC 7290 Topics in Media & Communication, June 12, 2013

"Human rights and media coverage." Guest lecture on human rights journalism in JOUR 475 International Media Perspectives class. March 14, 2007.

"Management in organizations across cultures." Guest lecture on different management styles in IPC 304 Leadership in Communication class. October 16, 2006.

"Soviet media history." Guest lectures on the history of Russian media in JOUR 475 International Media Perspectives class. March 23, 25 & 28, 2005.

"Nature of news. Agenda setting and framing." Guest lectures in IPC/INST 210 Interpersonal Communication in International Contexts class on the nature of news and media effects theories. April 13, 2004, November 18, 2003.

"Red Files: Cold War propaganda techniques in the Post-Cold War documentary." Guest lecture in IPC 409 International Communication class on propaganda and documentary media. September, 2001.

"International news: A look from different angles." Guest lecture in IPC 409 International Communication class on differences in international news reports across countries. September, April, 2000.

Workshops/ Teaching Presentations

Braziunaite, R. Demonstration. (November, 2014). Learning community teaching presentation on Critical Thinking.

Braziunate, R. Demonstration. (February, 2013). "Using Facebook and Other Social Media to Build Community: Strategies to Enhance Learning in the Classroom and Beyond." Presented at Teaching and Learning Fair, 2013, BGSU.

Cassara, C., & Braziunaite, R. Facilitators. (August 2011). "Understanding Your American Students" Graduate Student Orientation, Workshop, BGSU.

Cassara-Jamai, C., Gorsevski, E.G., & Braziunaite, R. Facilitators. (August 2010). "Understanding Your American Students" Graduate Student Orientation, Workshop, BGSU.

Braziunaite, R. Facilitator. (August 2006). "Understanding Your American Students" GradSTEP Workshop, BGSU.

Braziunaite, R. Facilitator. (October 27, 2004). Panel titled "Grad school: Is it right for you?" International Careers Network. International Studies, BGSU.

Braziunaite, R. & Bollinger, C. Facilitators. (August 2003). "Group Work in the Classroom: Tips for You and Your Students". GradSTEP Workshop, BGSU.

Braziunaite, R. Facilitator. (August, 2003). "My English or Your English? Teaching Strategies for Nonnative English Speakers." GradSTEP Workshop, BGSU.

Heinz, B. & Braziunaite, R. Facilitators. (August 2002). "My English or Your English? Teaching Strategies for Nonnative English Speakers." GradSTEP Workshop, BGSU.

Heinz, B. & Braziunaite, R. Facilitators. (August, 2001). "My English or Your English? Teaching Strategies for Nonnative English Speakers." GradSTEP Workshop, BGSU.

Braziunaite, R. Facilitator. (September 13, 2001). News-Conference for JOUR 320 students about the experiences of international teaching assistants at BGSU, BGSU.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Enrolled in a learning community at the Center for Faculty Excellence "GuideWIRE." August 2014 - May 2015. Received \$400 stipend for professional development

Enrolled in a learning community at the Center for Faculty Excellence "Active Learning Environment Pedagogies (ABLE)." August 2013 - May 2014. Received \$500 stipend for professional development

Enrolled in a learning community at the Center for Teaching and Learning "Pedagogy and Scholarship Using Mobile, Online, and Virtual Environments (PSMOV)." August 2012 - May 2013. Received \$500 stipend for professional development. Prepared presentation for annual Learning Community Fair

Enrolled in a learning community at the Center for Teaching and Learning "Pedagogy and Scholarship Using Mobile, Online, and Virtual Environments (PSMOV)." August 2011 - May 2012. Received \$500 stipend for professional development

Center for Online and Blended Learning (COBL) Certificate in Distance Learning (September, 2007)

BGeX Facilitator Training. August 4-6, 2008, BGSU. Attended a three day workshop designed to teach teachers how to incorporate skills related to critical thinking about values in a classroom. Received \$1,500 stipend for professional development

SERVICE

Department

Faculty Advisor for the BGSU Chapter of Association of Women in Communications (AWC), August 2014 – current.

Women in Communications, Committee, Member, Fall 2010-May 2014.

Alumni Relations, Committee, Member, Fall 2010-current

Instructor Search Committee. Member. Spring/Summer 2010, Spring/Summer 2011

Merit Committee, Member, Spring 2014-current.

School of Media & Communication

Tenure & Promotions Committee, NTTF Member, Fall 2013 – current

Merit Committee, NTTF Member, Fall 2013 -- current

Website Committee, Member, Fall 2011 - current

BGSU Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Senator (Elected position) for Graduate Student Alliance (GSA), 2001/2002

College of Arts and Sciences

International Studies Advisory Committee, International Studies, BGSU, Member, 2005 –current

International Studies Ad-Hoc committee to explore the possibility of creating an online International Studies graduate certificate program, 2012-current

International Careers Network Committee, Member, 2005-2011

BGSU University

BGSU FA-Administration Joint Committee on Distance Learning, Faculty Association Lead Member, 2013 -- current

BGeX: First Year Student Experience Program, Instructor 2008/2009

BGSU Graduate Teaching Assistant Award Committee, Member, 1999-2004

Professional

Associate Editor, Journal of Intercultural Communication Research, 2010 - current

Reviewer, Journal of Applied Communication research, 2013 - current

Reviewer, Journal of Intercultural Communication Research, 2010 - current

Reviewer, Speaker & Gavel. 2010-current

Reviewer, Intercultural Communication Division, International Communication Association Conference 2014.

Reviewer, International and Intercultural Communication Division, National Communication Association Conference 2014.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Communication Association (NCA). Member since 2005

Southern States Communication Association (SSCA). Member since 2007

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Member since 2006

Central States Communication Association (CSCA). Member since 2004

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC). Member since 2002

Ohio Speech Communication Association (OSCA). Member since 2002

International Communication Association (ICA). Member since 1998

AWARDS

Nominated for the Master Teacher Award 2013, BGSU

The Distinguished Student Award, Speech Communication Association of Ohio, 2002. Sponsored by Mathew Heinz and Lynda Dee Dixon

COMPUTER SKILLS/CERTIFICATIONS

Center for Online and Blended Learning (COBL) Certificate in Distance Learning (September, 2007)

Both Macintosh and Windows applications (Word, WordPerfect, ClarisWorks, Excel, Data bases (File Maker Pro, Microsoft Access)

Power Point, Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver)

Proficient with SPSS for Windows

Good knowledge of HTML

Proficient with Rhythmix Content Management System

Proficient with online teaching tools Canvas, WebCT; Blackboard and Moodle

LANGUAGES

Native Lithuanian, fluent Russian and English