

Curriculum Vitae (Last Updated: 5-22- 2026)

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**EDUCATION**

- 2012    **Ph.D.** in Communication Studies  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI.  
Advisor: Dr. Mike Allen  
Dissertation: *The role of chaplains in end-of-life care: A coordinated management of meaning approach to interaction*
- 2008    **M.A.** in Communication Studies  
Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.  
Advisor: Dr. Kelly S. Wood (McNeilis)  
Thesis: *Doctor-patient communication: Applications of neurosurgery in telemedicine*  
**Certificate** in Conflict Dispute and Resolution
- 2006    **B.S.** in Communication Studies  
Ohio University, Athens, OH.  
Minor: Public Relations, Advertising and Management

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 08/2021 – Present    **Assistant Professor (tenure-track)**, Department of Communication  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- 08/2020 – 08/2021    **Clinical Associate Professor**, Department of Communication  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- 2014 – 08/2020        **Clinical Assistant Professor**, Department of Communication  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York
- 2019 – Fall 2020      **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Department of Communication  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2013 – 2014            **Assistant Professor (tenure-track)**, Department of Communication  
Studies Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 – 2013            **Instructor**, Department of Communication Studies  
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- 2008 – 2012            **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication  
University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
- 2006 – 2008            **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication  
Missouri State University

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Top Paper Award in Interpersonal Communication Division  
Eastern Communication Association annual meeting, Buffalo, NY. USA
- 2025 Top Paper Award in Health Communication Division  
Eastern Communication Association annual meeting, Buffalo, NY. USA
- 2023 National Survey of Religious Leaders (NSRL) Award  
*Early access to data and \$2,000 honorarium*
- 2022 Top Paper Award in Communication as Social Construction Division  
National Communication Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. USA
- 2022 Top Paper Award in Communication and Aging Division  
National Communication Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. USA
- 2017 Top Paper in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Division  
National Communication Association annual meeting, Dallas, TX. USA
- 2015 Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4)  
Fellowship. Awarded through Earth Institute Columbia University.  
*Traveled to Munich, Germany, to participate in the CMM Learning Exchange.*
- 2014 Top Paper Panel in Interpersonal and Small Group Interest Group  
Central States Communication Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN.  
USA
- 2013 Nomination for Top Paper Award in Nonverbal Communication Division,  
Washington, DC. USA
- 2013 Top Poster Presentation overall  
Ohio Communication Association annual meeting, Marietta, OH. USA
- 2013 Top Paper Panel in Communication as Social Construction Division  
National Communication Association annual meeting, Washington, DC. USA
- 2013 Top Paper Panel in Spiritual Communication Division  
National Communication Association annual meeting, Washington, DC. USA
- 2013 Top Paper Panel in Health Communication Interest Group  
Central States Communication Association annual meeting, Kansas City, MO.  
USA
- 2013 Top Paper in Health Communication Interest Group  
Western Communication Association annual meeting, Reno, NV. USA
- 2011 Top Paper Panel in Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Division  
Central States Communication Association annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI.  
USA
- 2010 Top Paper Award in Argumentation and Forensics Division National  
Communication Association, San Francisco, CA. USA
- 2010 Top Two Paper in Communication and Technology Division  
International Communication Association annual meeting, Singapore,  
Singapore.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2026 **Co-PIs** Raj Sharman, **Kelly E. Tenzek**. (Preparing for submission). Sharman, R., Lindsey, C., Resendez, S., Tenzek, K. E., & Tiu, C. *Agentic AI tutoring systems: Restoring personalized learning to reduce educational inequality*. LOI accepted and invited to submit full proposal by July 1, 2026. Spencer Foundation. Requested amount \$75,000 for up to five years.
- 2026 **Co-investigator**. Sabrina Casucci (PI). (Preparing for submission). Nikolaev, A., Sullivan, S. S., & **Tenzek, K. E.** Development of a decision aid to communicate about palliative and hospice care transitions for long term care (LTC) residents with dementia and their family care partners. Submission date June, 2026. National Institute of Aging. Requested amount \$250,000 for two years.
- 2025 **Co-Investigator**. Andrew Baumgartner (PI). Casucci, S., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Sharman, R., & R. Singh. *Improving Geriatric Patient Safety at Hospital Discharge Using Patient-Friendly Artificial Intelligence Medical Discharge Instructions (AIM-DI)*. Clinical and Translational Science Institute, University at Buffalo: \$50,000.
- 2023 – 2025 **Co-PIs Kelly E. Tenzek**, Scott Monte. Collaborators: Wahler, R. Singh., R., Stoll, J., Wahler, A., Kueker, M. & Lattimer, T. A. *Planning an educational intervention using Team Alice videos: A community collaboration with Mobile Primary Care for medication harm prevention and safety*. United States Deprescribing Network (USDeN): \$5,000.
- 2018 **Collaborator**. Palliative Care Institute research team, Depner, R. M., Grant, C. P., Levy, K., & **Tenzek, K. E.** \*Authors in alphabetical order. *Photographs of meaning: A social media intervention for caregivers of seriously ill children*. Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund: \$11,384.
- 2017 **Collaborator**. Lynda Beaupin (PI). *Meaning-making in young adult cancer patients through social media and “talking pictures”* Roswell Park Cancer Institute Alliance Foundation. Roswell Park Cancer Institute: \$50,000.
- 2011 – 2012 **Co-PIs Kelly E. Tenzek**, Emily Cramer, Mike Allen. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. *Chaplain communication in end-of-life situations*. Central States Federation Prize: \$3,000.
- 2007 **Principal Investigator**. *Doctor-patient communication: Applications of neurosurgery in telemedicine*. Missouri State University Thesis Grant: \$500.

## PUBLICATIONS

H-index: 21, i-10 index: 34 (Google Scholar: 05/06/2026)

### \*Student co-authors

#### A. Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

46. \*Olbrich, C. L., **Tenzek, K.E.**, Stoll, J. Singh, R., Wahler, R.G., Rahgozar, A., G. Raffloer, G., Sharma, S., & Baumgartner, A. D. (2026). Older adults' perceptions of AI in health care: A quantitative analysis. *The Gerontologist*. No DOI currently. **Impact factor 3.2**
45. \*Leong, Y. Y. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2026). The interplay of trust and emotions: Examining sexually transmitted infection risk perceptions among women who have sex with women. *Health Communication*, 1-13.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2026.2636998> **Impact factor 2.7**
44. Nickels, B., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & \*Cooley, R. (2026). "COVID robbed me of that": Navigating final conversations and grief during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Communication Quarterly*. 1-26.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01463373.2026.2628807> **Impact factor 1.0**
43. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Lee, D. S., \*Lattimer, T. A., & Mackenzie, L. & \*Lapan, E. (2026) "Those conversations are extremely vivid in my mind some 40+ years later. They haunt me": Investigating reconstrual, final conversations, and posttraumatic growth in a military context. *Death Studies*. **Impact factor 1.8**
42. Scheinfeld, E., Taladay-Carter, C., & **Tenzek, K.** (2025). Religious traditions and grief: When it's less about G-d and more about the people. *Journal of Religion and Health*. **Impact factor 2.0**
41. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Chen, W., Brady, L., \*Wurst, C., \*Cosmai, M., Carlson, J., Baumgartner, A., Singh, R., & Wahler, R. G Jr., & Monte, S., (2025). Doctor-patient deprescribing conversations: A multidisciplinary analysis of quality assurance videos. *Basic & Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology*. **Impact factor 3.3**
40. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K.**, & Ophir, Y. (2026). Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the Deaf community: A scoping review. *Public Health Reports*. **Impact factor 2.5**
39. **Tenzek, K. E.** & Sullivan, S. (2025). Stopping aggressive treatment or hoping for a miracle: An analysis of spiritual care messages for terminally ill patients using the National Survey of Religious Leaders. *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy* 32(1), 28-45. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08854726.2025.2558294> **Impact factor 1.8**
38. Scheinfeld, E., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & \*Cherry, J. (2024). Embracing endings: Unveiling the connection between final conversations, the opportunity model for presence, and coping the with the death of our parents, *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*. Online first <https://doi.org/10.1177/00302228241278770> **Impact factor 1.5**

37. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Levy, K., Grant, P. C., Depner, R. M., Pailler, M. E., Beupin, L. K., & \*Lattimer, T. A. (2024). Pushing the boundaries: An evaluation of the Photographs of Meaning (POM) program for pediatric palliative caregivers (PPCGs). *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 52(4), 534–553.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00909882.2024.2376039> **Impact factor 1.6**
36. Mackenzie, L. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2024). Marines' Reflections on End-of-Life Communication: Connecting Resilience and Difficult Dialogue. *International Journal of Collaborative-Dialogic Practices*. Impact factor not available.
35. \*Weinschreider, J., Tenzek, K., Foltz-Ramos, K., Jungquist, C., & Livingston, J. A. (2024). Electronic health record competency in graduate nurses: A grounded theory study. *Nurse Education Today*, 132, Article 105987.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nedt.2023.105987> **Impact factor 3.9**
34. Scheinfeld, E., **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Cherry, J. (2023). Survivors' perspectives on saying goodbye: Implications for a good death and grieving process. *Death Studies*. Online first <https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2023.2250999> **Impact factor 4.3**
33. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Ophir, Y. (2023). Shouts from the void: A mixed-method analysis surrounding the online chronic illness community, #NEISVoid. *Health Communication*, 39(10), 1966–1977.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2023.2250939> **Impact Factor 3.9**
32. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Lapan, E., Ophir, Y., & \*Lattimer, T. A. (2023). Staying connected: Alzheimer's hashtags and opportunities for engagement and overcoming stigma. *Journal of Aging Studies*, 66, Online <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaging.2023.101165> **Impact factor 2.7**
31. **Tenzek K. E.**, \*Lattimer, T. A., \*Heneveld, K., \*Lapan, E., \*Neurohr, M., & \*Gillis, S. (2023). Mediated depictions of mental health, chronic care, and literacy: A narrative analysis of Randall's mental health journey in the television series, *This is Us*. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 14, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsy.2023.1204973> **Impact factor 5.4**
30. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Grant, P. C., \*Depner, R. M., Levy, K., & \*Byrwa, D. J. (2022). Clinician communication in hospice: Constructions of reality throughout the end-of-Life process. *OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying*, 0(0). Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00302228221116719> **Impact factor 2.6**
29. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Ophir, Y., Sullivan, S. S. (2022). Exploring web-based Twitter conversations surrounding National Healthcare Decisions Day and advance care planning from a sociocultural perspective: Computational mixed methods analysis. *JMIR formative research*, 6(4), e35795.  
<https://doi.org/10.2196/35795> **Impact factor 2.2**
28. Striley, K., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Field-Springer, K. (2022). Difficult dialogues about death: An application of risk orders theory to chaplains providing care at end-of-

- life. *Health, Risk & Society*, 24 (3-4), 167-185.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13698575.2022.2056582> **Impact factor 2.6**
27. Nickels, B., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & \*Lattimer, T. (2021). *This is Us: An analysis of mediated end-of-life family communication*. *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 87(4), 1238–1258. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00302228211036307> **Impact factor 2.6**
  26. \*Depner, R. M., Grant, P. C., \*Byrwa, D. J. LeFevre, S. M., Kerr, C. W., **Tenzek, K. E.**, LaValley, S., Luczkiewicz, D. L., Wright, S. T., & Levy, K. (2020). A consensual qualitative research analysis of the end of life dream and vision experiences of people enrolled in hospice homecare. *Palliative Medicine Reports*, 1(1), 13–110. **Impact factor 2.5**
  25. Levy, K., Grant, P. C., \*Depner, R. M., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Beaupin, L. K. Pailler, M. E. & Brewer-Spritzer, E. (2020). The photographs of meaning program for pediatric palliative caregivers and its impact on meaning, well-being, and perceived social support. *Palliative Medicine Reports*, 1(1), 84-91. <https://doi.org/10.1089/pmr.2020.0046> **Impact factor 2.5.**
  24. Pailler, M. E., Beaupin, L. K., Brewer-Spritzer, E., Grant, P. C., Depner, R. M., Levy, K., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2020). Reaching adolescent and young adult cancer patients through social media: Impact of the photographs of meaning program. *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology*, 9(4), 508-513. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jayao.2019.0140> **Impact factor 1.8**
  23. Levy, K., Grant, P. C., **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Depner, R. M., Pailler, M. E. & Beaupin, L. K. (2020). The experience of pediatric palliative caregiving: A qualitative analysis from the photographs of meaning program, *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*. 37(5), 364-370. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049909119879413> **Impact factor 2.1**
  22. Grant, P.C., \*Depner, R.M., Levy, K., LaFever, S.M., **Tenzek, K.**, Wright, S.T. & Kerr, C.W. (2020). Family caregiver perspectives on end-of-life dreams and visions during bereavement: A mixed methods approach. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 23(1), 48–53. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2019.0093> **Impact factor 2.9**
  21. Pederson, J. R., **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Kloeber, D., Striley, K., & \*Bender, J. (2019). Social rejection experiences among first-year college students. *Iowa Journal of Communication*, 51, 253-282. <https://scholarworks.uni.edu/ijc/vol51/iss2/6> Impact factor not available.
  20. Levy, K., Grant, P. C., \*Depner, R. M., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Pailler, M. E., Beaupin, L. K...& \*Byrwa, D. J. (2019). The photographs of meaning program for pediatric palliative caregivers (POM-PPCG): Feasibility of a novel meaning-making intervention. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, 36(7), 557–563. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049909118824560> **Impact factor 2.1**
  19. Beaupin, L. K., Pailler, M. E., Brewer-Spritzer, E., Kishel, E., Grant, P. C., \*Depner, R.M., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Breier, J. M. (2018). Photographs of meaning: A

- novel social media intervention for adolescent and young adult cancer patients. *Psycho-Oncology*, 28(1), 198–200. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pon.4896> **Impact factor 3.9**
18. May, A., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2018). Bullying in the academy: understanding the student bully and the targeted ‘stupid, fat, mother fucker’ professor. *Teaching in Higher Education*, 23(3), 275–290. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13562517.2017.1379482> **Impact factor 2.8**
  17. **Tenzek, K. E.** & \*Depner, R. M. (2017). Still searching: A meta-synthesis of a good death from the family perspective. Special issue family communication at the end-of-life. *Behavioral Sciences*, 7(2), 25. <https://doi.org/10.3390/bs7020025> **Impact factor 2.3**
  16. **Tenzek, K. E.**, & \*Nickels, B. (2017). End-of-Life (EOL) in Disney and Pixar films: An opportunity for engaging in difficult conversation. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, 80(1), 49-68. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0030222817726258> **Impact factor 2.6**
  15. Herrman, A. R., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2017). Communication privacy management: A thematic analysis of revealing and concealing eating disorders in an online community. *Qualitative Research Reports*, 18(1), 54-63. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17459435.2017.1294617> **Impact factor 0.8**
  14. May, A., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2016). "A gift we are unable to create ourselves": Surrogacy and the journey to parenthood for gay men. *Journal of LGBT Family Studies*, 12(5), 430-450. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2015.1128860> **Impact Factor 2.6**
  13. Song, H. Omori, K. Kim, J., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Hawkins, J. M. Lin, W.,...Jung, J. (2016). Trusting social media as a source of health information: Comparison among U.S., Korea, and Hong Kong. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 18(3), 18(3)e25. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2196/jmir.4193> **Impact factor 7.0**
  12. Simmons, N., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2016). “Listening is an act of love”: Learning listening through StoryCorps. *Communication Teacher*, 30(1), 17-21. [doi:10.1080/17404622.2015.1102307](https://doi.org/10.1080/17404622.2015.1102307) **Impact factor 0.7**
  11. Cramer, E. M., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Allen, M. (2015). Recognizing success in the chaplain profession: Connecting perceptions with practice. *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy*, 21(4), 131-150. [doi:10.1080/08854726.2015.1071543](https://doi.org/10.1080/08854726.2015.1071543) **5-year Impact factor 4.1**
  10. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Herrman, A. A., May, A. Feiner, B., & Allen, M. (2013). Examining the impact of parental disclosure of HIV on children: A meta-analysis. *Western Journal of Communication*, 77, 323-339. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10570314.2012.719092> **5-year impact factor 1.8**
  9. Cramer, E., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Allen, M. (2013). Translating spiritual care in the

- chaplain profession. *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, 67(1), 1-15.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/154230501306700106> 5-year Impact factor .08
8. Song, H., Kim, J., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Lee, K. (2013). The effects of competition and competitiveness upon intrinsic motivation in exergames. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 29(4), 1702-1708. doi:10.1016/j.chb.2013.01.042 **Impact factor 8.95**
  7. Cramer, E., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2012). The chaplain profession from the employer perspective: An analysis of hospice chaplain job advertisements. *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy*, 18, 133-150. <https://doi.org/10.1177/154230501306700106> **5-year Impact factor 4.1**
  6. Kim, S., Allen, M., Gattoni, A., Grimes, D., Herrman, A., Huang, H., Kim, J., Lu, S., Maier, M., May, A., Omachinski, K., Omori, K., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Turkiewicz, K., & Zhang, Y. (2012). Testing an additive model for the effectiveness of Evidence on the persuasiveness of a message. *Social Influence*, 7, 65-77.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15534510.2012.658285> **Impact factor .58**
  5. May, A. & **Tenzek, K.E.** (2011). Seeking Mrs. Right: Uncertainty reduction in online surrogacy ads. *Qualitative Research Reports in Communication*, 12, 27-33.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17459435.2011.601522> **Impact factor 0.8**
  4. Gattoni, A., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2010). The practice: An analysis of the factors influencing the training of health care participants in a digital culture. *Communication Education*, 59, 263-273. **5 year Impact factor 1.6**  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03634521003605808>
  3. Gattoni, A. & **Tenzek, K.E.** (2010). The practice: Improving doctor-patient Communication. *Communication Currents*, 5. NCA publication, no impact factor
  2. Turkiewicz, K. L., Kim, J., **Tenzek, K.**, & Antos, A.R. (2010). Behind the scenes: Life as an editorial assistant. *Communication Monographs*, 77, 452-459.  
[10.1080/03637751.2010.523603](https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2010.523603) **Impact factor 2.6**
  1. Peterson, J. L., Johnson, M. A., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2010). Spirituality as a life line: Women living with HIV and the role of spirituality in their support system, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary Feminist Thought*, 4, 1-26.  
<https://digitalcommons.salve.edu/jift/vol4/iss1/3> Impact factor not available.

## **B. Books**

1. Beck, C. S., Aubuchon, S., Simmons, N., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Ruhl, S., (2015). *Celebrity health narratives and the public health*. McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers.

### C. *Book Chapters*

9. Yotam Ophir, Y., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Lokmanoglu, A. K., \*Leong, Y. & \*Heneveld, K. (2026). Computational Methods in Qualitative Research: Promises and Pitfalls. In M. Haim, E. Domahidi, & F. Jekel (Eds). ICA handbook of computational communication research.
8. Nickels, B. & **Tenzek, K.** (2022). Family communication at end-of-Life: Research and strategies for presence and engagement. In Lurrs, G. M. (Ed.), *Handbook of Research on Communication Strategies for Taboo Topics* (pp. 241-260). Information Science Reference. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-7998-9125-3>
7. Mackenzie, L. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2018). Cultural variation in end-of-life conversations: Using CuDA as a tool to analyze case studies designed for professional military education. In M. Scollo & T. Milburn (Eds.), *Engaging and Transforming Global Communication through Cultural Discourse Analysis: A Tribute to Donal Carbaugh* (pp. 91-110). Farleigh Dickinson University Press.
6. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2017). Snowball sampling. In M. Ellen (Ed.), *SAGE Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods*. SAGE Publications, Inc.
5. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2017). Field notes. In M. Ellen (Ed.), *SAGE Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods*. SAGE Publications, Inc.
4. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2017). Negative case analysis. In M. Ellen (Ed.), *SAGE Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods*. SAGE Publications, Inc.
3. Cramer, E. M., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Allen, M. (2015). Spirituality, social support, and the communicative role of the chaplain in veteran populations. In L. M. Webb & E. Sahlstein (Eds.), *A communication perspective on the military: Interactions, messages, and discourses* (pp. 81-99). New York: Peter Lang International.
2. Bauman, I., Bourhis, J. Timmerman, L., Allen, M., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2014). Reducing homophobia: A meta-analytic summary of technique effectiveness. In N. Burrell, M. Allen, R. Preiss, and B. Gayle (Eds.), *Interpersonal Conflict Communication Research: Advances Through Meta-analysis*. New York: Routledge.
1. Benoit, W., Allen, M., Burrell, N., Cattopadhyay, S., Cherry, K., Comeau, T., ... & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2014). Evaluation of accounts: A meta-analysis. In N. Burrell, M. Allen, R. Preiss, and B. Gayle (Eds.), *Interpersonal Conflict Communication Research: Advances Through Meta-analysis*. New York: Routledge.

### D. *Additional scholarly contribution*

2. **Tenzek, K. E.** & Carviou, J. (2017, September 19). When imperfect can be perfect: Lessons learned from Carrie Fisher's life and death. In Media Res: A Media Commons Project. <https://mediacommons.org/imr/2017/09/18/when-imperfect-can-be-perfect-lessons-learned-carrie-fishers-life-and-death>

1. Collaborative research with Hospice Buffalo, featured on Netflix documentary “Surviving Death” (2021). Episode 5, *Seeing dead people*. Cited research: Grant, P.C., Depner, R.M., Levy, K., LaFever, S.M., **Tenzek, K.**, Wright, S.T. & Kerr, C.W. (2020). Family caregiver perspectives on end-of-life dreams and visions during bereavement: A mixed methods approach. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 23(1), 48–53. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2019.0093>

**E. Manuscripts Under Review**

3. Sullivan, S. S., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Lattimer, T. A. (Under Review). Communication-focused advance care planning interventions for persons living with dementia and family care partners: A systematic review. *International Journal of Nursing Studies*
2. Lattimer, T. A., Stoll, J., Wahler, A., Chen, W., Wurst, C., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Singh, R., & Wahler, R. G Jr. (Under Review). Proposing the ALICE Framework to improve medication safety through collaborative engagement: An analysis of older adult experiences during transitions of care, *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.
1. \*Lee, B., Green, M., & **Tenzek, K. E.**, Paravati, E. (Revise and resubmit). The effectiveness of narrative messages for promoting end-of-life communication, *Health Communication*.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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| 2026 | Conversations on the Business of Health Care, School of Management, University at Buffalo<br><i>Opportunities for Engagement: Communication Throughout the Dying Process.</i>  |
| 2024 | Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences<br><i>Communication in Medicine Presentation. Communicating about taboo or difficult topics with patients. Facilitated conversation and problem-based learning through case studies with second year medical students.</i> |
| 2022 | The International Institute for Buffalo.<br><i>Led a training session for public speaking and conflict management to a group of women from Uzbekistan.</i>   |
| 2020 | Interagency Language Roundtable, Marine Corps University<br><i>End-of-Life (EOL) Communication and culture: research and meaning related to “a good death” (Virtual)</i>   |
| 2017 | Clinical in-service Hospice Buffalo. Cheektowaga, NY.<br><i>Communication and Language Use in an End-of-Life Content</i>   |
| 2016 | Facilitated a Conflict Management and Resolution workshop for Hospice Buffalo Research Team.   |
| 2013 | The First English Baptist Church, Bloomsburg, PA.  |

*Stories of spirituality: Chaplains' narratives related to providing end-of-life care.*

- 2013                      Lambda Pi Eta guest presentation  
*The panel was designed to share experiences with undergraduates about the transition from undergraduate education to graduate school.*
- 2013                      National Communication Association Student Club  
Professional Interactions with your Professors. Co-presented with Dr. Mary Nagy.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

### \*Student co-authors

132.    Tenzek, K. E., Lee, B.H., Wittenberg, E., Goldsmith, J., Lattimer, T. A., Kauer, T., & Hastings, S. (Under Review). *End-of-life messaging, engagement, and opportunity: Reflecting on the past, considering current status, and discussing innovative movement forward.* Communication and Aging Division. Submitted to the National Communication Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA.
131.    \*Lattimer, T. A. & Tenzek, K. E. (Under Review). *"Where's my access?": A Community-engaged approach to examining Deaf caregiver experiences with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.* Health Communication Division. Submitted to the National Communication Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA.
130.    \*Lattimer, T. A., Stoll, J., Wahler, A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Wahler, R. G., Chen, H. Y., Jacobs, D. M., & Singh, R. (2026). *Proposing the ALICE framework to improve medication safety through collaborative engagement: An analysis of older adult experiences during transitions of care.* International Conference on Deprescribing, Montreal, Canada.
129.    \*Lee, B., **Tenzek, K. E.** & Green, M. (2026). *A Qualitative Analysis of End-Of-Life Experiences Using the Opportunity Model for Presence.* Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY, USA.
128.    **Tenzek, K. E.**, Sullivan, S., \*Lattimer, T. A. Cherry, J. Scheinfeld, E. & Taladay-Carter, C. (2026). *Time and temporal experiences: A qualitative analysis of adult-child parent relationships at end-of-life (EOL).* International Association for Relationship Research, Glasgow, Scotland.
127.    Scheinfeld, E., Taladay-Carter, C., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2026). *Faith, Family, and Farewell: How Religious Practices Shape Adult Children's Coping Behaviors and Final Conversations with Dying Parents.* International Association for Relationship Research, Glasgow Scotland.
126.    **Tenzek, K. E.**, Sullivan, S., & \*Lattimer, T. A. (2026). *Communication Approaches to Advance Care Planning in Dementia: A Systematic Review.* Kentucky Conference on

- Health Communication, Lexington, KY, USA.
125. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Ophir, Y., Green, M. C., & Wang, H. (2026). *Centering Deaf voices in digital dementia discourse: A thematic analysis of engagement surrounding the #EndAlz campaign*. Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY, USA.
  124. \*Olbrich, C. L., **Tenzek, K.E.**, Stoll, J. Singh, R., Wahler, R.G., Rahgozar, A., G. Raffloer, G., Sharma, S., & Baumgartner, A. D. (2025). *Older adults' perceptions of AI in health care: A quantitative analysis*. National Communication Association, Denver, CO, USA.
  123. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.** & Ophir, Y. (2025). *Social media engagement as public health communication practice and advocacy: An analysis of the Alzheimer's Association's #EndAlz campaign across a decade*. National Communication Association, Denver, CO, USA.
  122. \*Lee, B. H., Green, M. C., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2025). *Developing campaign messages for end-of-life communication: Using social cognitive theory*. National Communication Association, Denver, CO, USA.
  121. Scheinfeld, E., Taladay-Carter, C., & **Tenzek, K.** (2025). *Religious traditions and grief: When it's less about G-d and more about the people*. National Communication Association, Denver, CO, USA.
  120. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Lattimer T. A., Covert, J. & Stefanone, M. (2025). *Media consumption, production and grief: An analysis of contingences of self-worth and end-of-life communication*. National Communication Association, Denver, CO, USA.
  119. \*Olbrich, C. L., **Tenzek, K.E.**, Stoll, J. Singh, R., Wahler, R.G., Rahgozar, A., G. Raffloer, G., Sharma, S., & Baumgartner, A. D. (2025). *Older adults' perceptions of AI in health care: A quantitative analysis*. University at Buffalo Resident and Fellow Research Day, Buffalo, NY. USA
  118. **Tenzek, K. E.** & Fitzgerald, K. (2025). *Meaningful grief?: Media depictions of death and bereavement*. Moral Media Conference, Buffalo, NY. USA
  117. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Lattimer, T. A., Wang, H. & \*Lapan, E. (2025). *Dying in Primetime: An analysis of This Is Us' portrayal of caregiving and advance care planning with Alzheimer's Disease*. Moral Media Conference, Buffalo NY. USA
  116. \*Gillis, S. J., \*Lattimer, T. A., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2025). *"I'd be scared of getting it stuck": Understanding perceptions of menstrual cups among U.S. menstruators*. Eastern Communication Association. Buffalo, NY. USA \*Top paper panel.
  115. Nickels, B., **Tenzek, K. E.** & \*Coley, R. (2025). *"COVID robbed me of that": Navigating final conversations and grief in the time of COVID-19*. Eastern Communication Association, Buffalo NY. USA \*Top paper panel.
  114. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Ophir, Y., \*Lattimer, T. A., \*Deyneka, M., & \*Espinal, A. (2025). *Science narratives around controversial innovations: Comparing dynamic discourse around an Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm, across local, national, and social media*. D.C.

- Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
113. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Cherry, J., \*Lattimer, T. A., & Scheinfeld, E. (2025). *Making sense of time: Exploring temporal narratives in end-of-life communication*. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  112. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Neurohr M., \*Leong, Y., \*Lattimer, T. A. & Frank, M. (2025). *"I don't know, it happens [to] everyone, so it can't be that bad.": Readiness, expectations, and reactions to multi-modal content related to end-of-life*. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  111. \*Leong, Y. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2025). *Dolls for dementia: A netnography of realistic baby dolls among dementia caregivers on TikTok*. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  110. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.** & Wang, H. (2025). *This Is Us Alzheimer's storyline as entertainment-education: A narrative analysis*. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  109. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2025). *Demystifying the methodological approaches for community-engaged health communication research*. Panel participant. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  108. \*Lattimer, T. A. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2025). *An analysis of Deaf caregiver experiences surrounding Alzheimer's disease and related dementias: A community-engaged study*. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  107. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Monte, S., Wahler, R. G Jr. Stoll, J. Wahler, A. \*Lattimer, T. A., & Singh, R. (2025). *Piloting a medication safety video for assisted living facility (ALF) residents and family caregivers*. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  106. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Olbrich, C. L., Stoll, J., Rahgozar, A., Singh, R., Sharma, S. Wahler, R. & Baumgartner, A. D. (2025). *Older adults' perceptions of AI in health care: A thematic analysis*. D.C. Health Communication Conference. Fairfax, VA. USA
  105. \*Lattimer, T. A. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2025). *Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the Deaf community: A scoping review*. Eastern Communication Association, Buffalo, New York, USA.
  104. \*Neurohr, M., \*Lattimer, T. A., \*Leong, Y. Y., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Frank, M. G. (2025). *Exploring the Role of Nonverbal Behavior within End-of-Life Conversations*. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Denver, CO. USA
  103. \*Olbrich, C. L., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Stoll, J., Rahgozar, A., Singh, R., Sharma, S. & Baumgartner, A. D. (2024). *Perceptions of the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare by older adults*. North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG). Québec City, Quebec, Canada.
  102. Sullivan, S. S. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2024). *What do you believe? Exploring clergy leaders' messages to terminally ill patients through an analysis of the National Survey of Religious Leaders*. Poster session at the McGill International Palliative Care Congress.

Montreal, Canada.

101. \*Wurst, C., Chen, W., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Brady, L., Wahler, A., \*Faulkner, G., Baumgartner, A., Singh, R., Monte, S., & Wahler, R. G Jr. (2024). *Physician perspectives on decision-making processes in deprescribing with older adults in primary care*. Clinical Pearl at the International Conference on Deprescribing. Nantes, France.
100. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Monte, S., Wahler, R. G Jr. Stoll, J. Wahler, A. \*Lattimer, T. A., & Singh, R. (2024). *Spreading the message: Introducing Team Alice educational medication safety videos to at risk older adults*. Poster session at the United States Deprescribing Network (USDEN) Conference. Boston, MA USA.
99. \*Wurst, C., Chen, W., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Brady, L., Wahler, A., \*Faulkner, G., Baumgartner, A., Monte, S., Singh, R. & Wahler, R. G Jr. (2024). *The cognitive work of deprescribing: A human factors pilot*. Poster session at the United States Deprescribing Network (USDEN) Conference, Boston, MA USA.
98. Wahler, A., Stoll, J., \*Olbrich, C., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Wahler, R. G., & Singh, R. (2024). *Development of the Team Alice Senior Center Curriculum on medication safety*. Poster session at the United States Deprescribing Network (USDEN) Conference, Boston, MA. USA
97. \*Lapan, E., Ophir, Y., Kountz, K., Walter, D., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Wang, R., Nikolaev, A., & Semenov, A. (2024). *A pill of many colors: Negotiating extremist red-pill ideologies on Reddit*. American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. USA
96. Scheinfeld, E. **Tenzek, K. E.** & \*Cherry, J. (2024). *Embracing endings: Unveiling the connection between final conversations, the opportunity model for presence, and coping the with the death of our parents*. International Association for Relationship Research, Boston, MA. USA
95. \***Tenzek, K. E.**, Lee, D. S., \*Lattimer, T. A., & Mackenzie, L. & \*Lapan, E. (2024). *Opportunities for engagement: Reconstructing, final conversations and post-traumatic growth in a military context*. International Communication Conference, Gold Coast Australia.
94. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Ophir, Y. (2024). *Alzheimer's and advocacy: A mixed-methods analysis of chronic care, engagement and campaign efforts in the #EndAlz campaign across a decade*. Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY. USA
93. \*Leong, Y. Y., \*Gillis, S., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2024). *The interplay of trust and emotions: Examining sexually transmitted infection risk perceptions among women who have sex with women*. Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY. USA
92. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Scheinfeld, E., & \*Cherry, J. (2024). *"I regret having the 'last talk,' honestly": Final conversations and making sense of the loss of a parent*. Kentucky

- Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY. USA
91. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Myrick, J. M., & Ophir, Y. (2024). *Disney princess, depression, drugs, and death: Comparing news coverage of celebrity Coco Lee's death*. Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY. USA
  90. \*Leong, Y. Y., \*Gillis, S., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2023). *False Immunity? Understanding Sexually Transmitted Infection Risk Perceptions among Women Who Have Sex with Women (WSW)*. 109th National Communication Conference, Health Communication Division, National Harbor, MD. USA
  89. Scheinfeld, E., **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Cherry, J. (2023). *Survivors' perspectives on saying goodbye: Implications for a good death and grieving process*. 109th National Communication Conference, Communication & Aging Division, National Harbor, MD. USA
  88. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Lattimer, T. A., \*Leong, Y. Y., \*Neurohr, M., & Neiheisel, J. (2023). *Who do you trust?: A mixed-methods analysis of conversations with health care providers regarding starting, stopping, or changing medications*. 109th National Communication Conference, Health Communication Division, National Harbor, MD. USA
  87. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Lattimer, T. A., \*Neurohr, M., \*Lapan, E., \*Gillis, S., & Wang, H. (2023). *Recognize, accept, and make a plan: A qualitative analysis of This is Us, portrayals of Alzheimer's Disease, caregiving, and advance care planning*. 109th National Communication Conference, Communication & Aging Division, National Harbor, MD. USA
  86. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2023). *Socially (de)constructing medical encounters: Deprescribing through a social constructionist lens*. 109th National Communication Conference, Communication as Social Construction Division, National Harbor, MD. USA
  85. \*Wurst, C. Chen, W., Wahler, R., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Singh, R., \*Cosmai, M., Wahler, A., & Monte, S. (2023). *Control task analysis of the deprescription process: A pilot study*. 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Human Factors and Ergonomics Society. Washington, DC. USA
  84. \*Lattimer, T. A., Wang, H., Green, M. C., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2023). *What if I lose my identity as a Deaf person?": An analysis of narrative mechanisms in the television series, Switched at Birth*. International Communication Association, Mass Communication Division. Toronto, Canada.
  83. \*Lattimer, T. A., Ophir, Y., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2023). *Shouts from the Void: A mixed-method analysis surrounding the online chronic illness community, #NEISVoid*. National Communication Association, Health Communication Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
  82. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Stoll, J., Wahler, A., Wahler, R., & Singh, R. (2022). *"I want my husband to live well and die of natural causes not somebody's I don't care attitude": Older patient perceptions of trust in doctor-patient interactions*. National

- Communication Association, Health Communication Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
81. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Lapan, E., Ophir, Y., & \*Lattimer, T. A. (2022). *Staying connected: Alzheimer's hashtags and opportunities for engagement and overcoming stigma*. National Communication Association, Communication and Aging Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. \*Top paper award.
  80. **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Lattimer, T. A., Ophir, Y., & \*Leong, Y. Y. (2022). *Expedited Approval: A mixed-method analysis of media frames surrounding the Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm*. National Communication Association, Health Communication Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
  79. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Grant, P. C., \*Depner, R. M., Levy, K., & \*Byrwa, D. J. (2022). *Clinician communication in hospice: Constructions of reality Throughout the end-of-life process*. National Communication Association, Communication as Social Construction Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. \*Top paper
  78. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Neurohr, M., \*Lapan, E., Vorphal, M., & \*Heneveld, K. (2022). *"Typically, I will get blackout drunk": Exploring mediated depictions of health in the popular television drama, This is Us*. National Communication Association, Health Communication Division, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
  77. Stoll, J., Wahler, A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Wahler, R. & Ranjit, S. (2022). *Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) to develop a Deprescribing Intervention*. North American Primary Care Research Group. Phoenix, AZ. USA
  76. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2022). *Death and dying during a global pandemic: Strategies for renewing commitment, and transforming fear to hope, at end-of-life*. Discussion Panel. NCA, Communication and Aging Division. National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.
  75. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Ophir, Y., & \*Lattimer, T. A. (2022). *Promising Prescriptions? A framing analysis of news coverage surrounding the Alzheimer's prescription drug Aduhelm*. Kentucky Health Communication Conference, Lexington, Kentucky. USA
  74. Pena, M. S. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2022). *The portrayal of faculty wellbeing in popular media: a comparison of STEM vs non-STEM faculty*. American Society for Engineering Education, Syracuse, NY. USA
  73. \*Lin, V., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Sullivan, S. S. (2022). *Websites and apps may improve equity in advance care planning (ACP)*. Poster. Eastern Nursing Research Society, Providence, Rhode Island. USA
  72. \*Toh, Z., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Sullivan, S. (2022). *Can we talk about this? The role of interpersonal motivation goals in advance care planning*. Poster. Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Francisco, CA. USA

71. Mackenzie, L. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2021). *The Impact of Communication on Individual and Collective Resilience as Experienced by Military-Connected Students*. National Communication Association. Seattle, WA. USA
70. \*Lattimer, T. A., **Tenzek, K. E.** (2021). *All body, no mind, no soul: A qualitative analysis of self-presentation and health implications of #fitspiration posts on Instagram*. Health Communication Division. National Communication Association. Seattle, WA. USA
69. Davis, C. S., & **Tenzek, K. E.**, Tullis, J., & Crane, J. (2021). *Teaching end of life communication*. Short Course. National Communication Association, Seattle, WA. USA
68. Davis, C. S., Breede, C. D., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2019). *Teaching end of life communication*. Short Course. National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD. USA
67. May, A., Lampman, C., McDermott, T., Van Flein, K. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2019). *Beyond survival: Understanding academic contrapower harassment*. Short Course. National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD. USA
66. Nickels, B., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & \*Lattimer, T. (2019). *This is Us: An analysis of mediated end-of-life family communication*. National Communication Association, Family Communication Division. Baltimore, MD. USA
65. \*Lattimer, T. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2019). *If not inspirational, then what?: A thematic analysis of #fitspiration on Instagram and health implications for social media users*. Poster presentation. D.C. Health Communication Conference, Washington D.C. USA
64. Mackenzie, L. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2018). *There's no right way to play: Examining stigma and the margins through cultural discourse analysis*. Language and Social Interaction Division. National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT. USA
63. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2018). *Hashtags for health: Implications for community based research, theory, and practice*. Discussion Panel. Health Communication Division. National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT. USA
62. Levy, K., \*Depner, R.M., Grant, P.C., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2018). *POMP: A social media-based meaning-making pilot program for caregivers of critically sick children*. Poster. 126<sup>th</sup> Annual APA convention, San Francisco, CA. USA
61. Levy, K., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Grant, P.C., & \*Depner, R.M. (2018). *Pushing innovative boundaries: A meaning-making intervention to capture the experiences of family caregivers of children and adolescents with palliative care needs*. Family communication preconference, International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic.
60. \*Wright, T., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2018). *A better-informed ending: The D(d)eaf community and end-of-life care*. Poster. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Death Education and Counseling, Pittsburgh, PA. USA

59. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Levy, K., Grant, P.C., & \*Depner, R.M. (2018). *Clinician Communication and language use in hospice*. 40<sup>th</sup>Annual Conference of the Association of Death Education and Counseling, Pittsburgh, PA. USA
58. **Tenzek, K. E.** & Mackenzie, L. (2018). *Layers of loss: End of life case studies in higher education*. Poster. 40<sup>th</sup>Annual Conference of the Association of Death Education and Counseling, Pittsburgh, PA. USA
57. Levy, K., Grant, P. C., \*Depner, R. M., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2018). Social media intervention for primary caregivers of sick children. 40<sup>th</sup>Annual Conference of the Association of Death Education and Counseling, Pittsburgh, PA. USA
56. Pederson, J. R., **Tenzek, K. E.**, \*Kloeber, D., Striley, K., & \*Whalen, J. (2018). *Social rejection experiences among first-year college students*. Interpersonal division. Southern States Communication Association. Nashville, TN. USA
55. Levy, K., Byrwa, D., Grant, P., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & \*Depner, R. (2018). *Introduction to a novel social media-based meaning intervention for caregivers of children and adolescents receiving palliative care*. The Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care Conference, Boston, MA. USA
54. May, A., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2017). *Conceiving the enormity of 9/11: Use of digital narratives to promote learning through lived experience*. National Communication Association, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Division, Dallas, TX. USA  
\*Top paper panel.
53. **Tenzek, K. E.**, & \*Depner, R. (2017). *Still searching: A meta-synthesis of a good death from the bereaved family member perspective*. Family Communication Division. National Communication Association, Dallas, TX. USA
52. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2017). *Constructing conversation: Hospice interdisciplinary team members' perceptions regarding communication and language use at end-of-life*. Poster. Association for Death Education and Counseling, Portland, OR. USA
51. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Striley, K., & Field-Springer, K. (2016) *Engaged with risk: An application of risk orders theory to chaplains providing care at end-of-life*. Communication as Social Construction Division, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA. USA
50. **Tenzek, K. E.** & \*McCracken, B. (2016). End-of-life as a communication context for research: A look into National Communication Association journals. Communication and Aging Division, National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA. USA
49. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2016). *The civic calling to explore, expand, and use coordinated management of meaning (CMM) theory: The collaborative potential for making better communities*. Discussion Panel. Communication as Social Construction Division. National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA. USA
48. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2016). *Student evaluations of teaching: Are they fair or biased?* Discussion Panel National Communication Association, Women's Caucus,

- Philadelphia, PA. USA
47. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2016). *CMM and shaping the world with the power of communication*. Discussion Panel. International Association for Conflict Management, New York, NY. USA
  46. May, A., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2015). "A gift we are unable to create ourselves": Surrogacy and the journey to parenthood for gay men. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Communication Studies Division. National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV. USA
  45. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2015). *Continuing to embrace opportunities for practical conversation: Coordinated management of meaning's application in the field*. Discussion Panel. Communication as Social Construction Division, National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV. USA
  44. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2015). *Cultural constructions of the good death: Case studies in communication about what it means to die well*. Discussion Panel. National Communication Association, Communication as Social Construction Division, Las Vegas, NV. USA
  43. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2015). *Embracing opportunities for conflict skill acquisition: integrating conflict resolution education into the college communication curriculum*. Discussion Panel. Peace and Conflict Communication Division, National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV. USA
  42. **Tenzek, K. E.** & May, A. (2015). *The marketplace of dreams: A (re)construction of infertility, pregnancy, and beyond through surrogacy ads online*. Feminist and Women Studies Division, National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV. USA
  41. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2015). *Deliberating difficult issues in communication classrooms: A roundtable discussion on pedagogy and possibility*. Discussion Panel. Eastern Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA. USA
  40. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2015). *Considering end-of-life (EOL) communication: A roundtable discussion encompassing collaborative perspectives of care*. Discussion Panel. Eastern Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA. USA
  39. Herrman, A. R., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2014). *Expressions of uncertainty: An examination of a pro-ana website*. Interpersonal Division. Central States Communication Association. Minneapolis, MN. USA \*Top paper
  38. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2014). *Pushing boundaries beyond the Communication classroom: Teaching ideas for elevating new scholars through professional development*. Central States Communication Association. Panel Discussion. Minneapolis, MN. USA
  37. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2014). *Elevating spiritual health: Communicating well-being across religious, organizational, and aging boundaries*. Discussion Panel. Central States Communication Association. Minneapolis, MN. USA

36. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2014). *A risky experiment: Moving beyond realism towards social constructionist approaches to theorizing about risk communication*. Discussion Panel. Eastern Communication Association. Providence, RI USA
35. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2014). *Performing Difficult Conversations: Stories about Death and Sexuality*. Discussion Panel. Eastern Communication Association. Providence, RI USA
34. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2013) *Reaching out: Teachers making connections when teaching, designing, and creating new undergraduate and graduate courses*. Discussion Panel. National Communication Association Conference, Washington, DC. USA
33. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2013). *"Bugging out": Connections between apocalyptic narratives and consumption in diverse media outlets*. Discussion Panel. National Communication Association Conference, Washington, DC. USA
32. **Tenzek, K. E., Cramer, E., & Allen, M.** (2013). *Spirituality and coordinated management of meaning: Examining the chaplain's role in social constructions of a "Good Death."* Communication as Social Construction Division. National Communication Association, Washington, DC. USA \*Top paper panel
31. Cramer, E., **Tenzek, K. E., & Allen,** (2013) *Recognizing success in the chaplain profession: connecting perceptions to practice*. Spiritual Communication Division. National Communication Association, Washington DC. USA \*Top paper panel
30. **Tenzek, K. E., Cramer, E., & Allen, M.** (2013). *Standing up for spirituality: Legitimizing the role of chaplain's in health care interactions*. Ohio Communication Association, Marietta, OH. USA \*Top poster
29. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2013). *Accounts across the borders of scholarship: The importance of audience and opportunity*. Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, PA. USA
28. Cramer, E. M., **Tenzek, K. E., & Allen, M.** (2013). *Spirituality, social support, and the communicative role of the chaplain in veteran populations*. Health Communication Division. Central States Communication Association, Kansas City, MO. USA \*Top paper panel
27. **Tenzek, K. E., & Compton, J.** (2013). *Remembering loved ones through stories: An analysis of StoryCorps' 9/11 narratives*. Central States Communication Association, Kansas City, MO. USA
26. **Tenzek, K. E., Mascarenhas, M., & Burrell, N.** (2013). *Who are you to tell me who I am? Joint identity construction in "The Real Housewives of New York."* Central States Communication Association, Kansas City, MO. USA
25. Kim, S., Lim, T., Song, H., Hawkins, J.M., Herrman, A. R., Kim, H., Ota, H., Kim, J., Kim, J, England, N., **Tenzek, K. E., Cramer, E., Omori, K., Grimes, D., & Dilbeck, K.** (2013). *Promotive versus preventive dietary practice and self-construal:*

- Communicating healthful food choice*. Health Communication Division. Western Communication Association, Reno, NV. USA \*Top Paper
24. Song, H., Hawkins, J.M., Kim, J., Omori, K., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Kim, S. & Lim, T. (2013) *Health information seeking online: An experimental study focusing on Internet skills*. Western Communication Association, Reno, NV.
  23. Cramer, E., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2012). *Translating spiritual care in the chaplain profession*. National Communication Association, Orlando, FL. USA
  22. Kartch, F., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2012). "I wish someone knew the pain that I feel:" The voices of nonresidential mothers. *National Communication Association*, Orlando, FL. USA
  21. Kartch, F., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2012). "The pain I feel is worse than death:" *Alienation, power, and the struggle for interpersonal relationships in the narratives of nonresidential mothers*. International Association for Relational Research, Chicago, IL. USA
  20. **Tenzek, K. E.**, Cramer, E., & Allen, M. (2012). *Communication in hospice: Role of the spiritual advisor*. Central States Communication Association, Cleveland, OH. USA
  19. Tenzek, K. E. & Cramer, E. (2011). *Legitimizing spirituality: Chaplain perspectives on education, training, and roles*. National Communication Association. New Orleans, LA. USA
  18. Herrman, A. R., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2011). *Gender differences in peer influence on body image dissatisfaction: A meta-analytic review*. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA. USA
  17. Maier, M., Herrman, A., Kartch, F., Omori, K., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Stache, L., Grimes, D., Dilbeck, K., Ahn, S., Glocka, J., Maloney, J., Zoromski, D., & Burrell, N. (2011). *Managing conflict while owning a small business: Saving face and figure in a health club*. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA. USA
  16. Cramer, E., & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2011). *The blending of chaplains' material and symbolic identities in hospice care*. International Conference on Communication in Healthcare, Chicago, IL. USA
  15. **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Cramer, E. (2011). *Hospice chaplain training: A look at job Advertisements*. Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, WI. USA
  14. May, A. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2011). *Bridging the gap between in-group and out-group: The gay surrogacy journey*. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Division. Central States Communication Association. Milwaukee, WI. \*Top Paper Panel
  13. Allen, M., Kim, S., Antos, A., Gattoni, A., Grimes, D., Huang, H., Kim, J., Lu, S., Maier, M., May, A., Omachinski, K., Omori, K., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Turkiewicz, K.L., & Zhang, Y. (2010). *Testing an additive model for the effectiveness of evidence on the*

- persuasiveness of a message*. Argumentation and Forensics Division National Communication Association, San Francisco, CA. USA \*Top Paper Award
12. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2010). *Caught at a crossroads: The Internet and end-of-life care*. National Communication Association. San Francisco, CA. USA
  11. **Tenzek, K. E., & Compton, J.** (2010). *Intersecting rhetoric: McCain's health through body, political, and visual stories*. Midwest Pop-culture Association, Minneapolis, MN. USA
  10. Song, H., Kim, J., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Lee, K. M. (2010). *The effects of competition on intrinsic motivation in exergames and the conditional indirect effects of presence*. International Communication Association, Singapore, Singapore. \*Top Two Paper\*
  9. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2010). *Picture this: Feelings through photography*. GIFTS, Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, OH. USA
  8. Allen, M., Feiner, B., Antos, A., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & May, A. (2010). *Examining the impact of parental disclosure of HIV on children: A meta-analysis*. Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, OH. USA
  7. May, A. & **Tenzek, K. E.** (2010). *Seeking Mrs. Right: Uncertainty reduction in online surrogacy ads*. Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, OH. USA
  6. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2009). *Virtual technology: Telemedicine in a digital culture*. Midwest Pop-Culture Association, Detroit, MI. USA
  5. Ang, E., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Harness, L. (2009). *Tradition and transformation: Processing conflict in peace studies*. Peace and Justice Studies Association, Milwaukee, WI. USA
  4. **Tenzek, K. E.** (2009). *Tele-what? A rhetorical analysis of success vs. failure in telemedicine*. National Communication Association, Chicago, IL. USA
  3. Allen, M., **Tenzek, K. E.**, Kim, J., Timmerman, L., Jones, S., Donohue, W., Ryan, D., Mitchell, M., & Griffin, A. (2009). *The relationship between religion and adolescent decision to use drugs*. National Communication Association, Chicago, IL. USA
  2. Song, H., Kim, J., **Tenzek, K. E.**, & Lee, K. M. (2009). *The effects of competition on intrinsic motivation in exergames and the conditional indirect effects of presence*. 12th Annual International Workshop on Presence, Los Angeles, CA. USA
  1. **Tenzek, K. E.**, (2009). *Can you hear me now? Assessing patients' perceptions of telemedicine encounters*. Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, MO. USA

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### A. Faculty

#### University at Buffalo, The State University of New York

##### *Graduate Courses*

- Nus 697, Com 627 Grounded Theory Method *fall 2017, 2021, fall 2022*  
Com 500 Communication Pro-seminar *fall 2022, 2023*  
Introductory course for incoming MA and PhD students in the Department of Communication.
- Special topics: Com 677 Difficult Dialogues *spring 2024*  
Com 630 Qualitative Methods *fall 2025*

##### *Undergraduate Courses*

###### *\*Service learning component*

- Com 199 Freshman seminar Health Communication *Fall 2021, 2025*  
Freshman seminar End-of-life Communication *Fall 2016, 2017; Spring 2019*
- Com 484 Special topics  
End-of-life communication *Fall 2015\*, 2018\*, Spring 2018\**
- Com 205 Research Methods *spring 2025*  
*Summer 2022, 2023 summer six-week session in Singapore*
- Com 380 Health Communication *Spring 2015-2020, 2023-current. fall 2023\*, 2024\**
- Com 225 Interpersonal Communication *fall 2014, 2019; Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024, 2026*
- Com 317 Introduction to Business and Professional Communication.  
*Fall 2014-2020*
- Com 441 Public Relations. *Spring 2015, 2016*

## **Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania**

### ***Undergraduate Courses***

Health Communication. *Spring 2014*

Interpersonal Communication. *Fall 2012; Spring 2013, 2014*

Special Topics: End-of-Life and Communication. *Fall 2013*

Communication Theory. *Spring 2013*

Conflict Management and Resolution. *Fall 2012, 2013; Spring 2014*

### **B. *Graduate Teaching Assistant***

## **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

### ***Undergraduate Courses***

Health Communication. *Fall 2010 – Spring 2012*

Introduction to Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies. *2008-2012*

Business and Professional Communication. *Summer 2009, 2010*

## **Missouri State University**

### ***Undergraduate Courses***

The Fundamentals of Public Speaking. *2006-2008*

### **C. *Professional Training and workshops***

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| 2022 | United States Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO) Training   |
| 2017 | Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo, NY Mercy Doula training. June 2017 Completed a training program to become a Mercy Doula. A mercy doula is a volunteer to provide emotional and social support to people who are nearing end of life and transition to death. |
| 2012 | Teaching and Learning Enhancement Center (TALE) session “ePortfolios to Promote Learning” Bloomsburg University   |
| 2012 | New Faculty Institute sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Center (TALE) Bloomsburg University  |
| 2009 | Peacemaking Circle Training, Directed by Evelyn Ang, Wisconsin  |
| 2009 | International Media and Conflict Resolution Conference, Wisconsin.  |
| 2009 | Wisconsin Association of Mediators Conference, Emerging Issues in Dispute Resolution  |
| 2008 | Workshop on Expert Meeting on Systems Thinking and Peacebuilding, Wisconsin.  |

### ***Professional memberships:***

National Communication Association, International Communication Association, Death

Education and Counseling, Central States Communication Association, Eastern Communication Association.

## SERVICE

### A. *Professional*

- 2023 National Communication Association's Communication and Aging Division, Nominated and elected for position of Vice-chair Elect 2023, Vice-chair, 2024, Chair 2025.
- 2018 National Communication Association's Communication as Social Construction Division, Vice-chair Elect 2018, Vice-chair 2019, Chair 2020.
- 2015 National Communication Association's Communication as Social Construction Division, Dissertation Awards Committee Chair
- 2013 National Communication Association's Communication as Social Construction Division Information Officer. Elected fall 2013 for a three-year term.
- 2009 Editorial Assistant *Communication Monographs* University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

### B. *Journal Reviewer*

- 2026 Editorial Board Member *Communication Quarterly*  
2021 – present Review Editor *Frontiers in Communication – Health Communication*

Ad Hoc *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*  
*Death Studies*  
*Social Science & Medicine*  
*Social Science & Medicine- Qualitative Research in Health*  
*Qualitative Research in Health*  
*Qualitative Research in Medicine & Healthcare*  
*Health Communication*  
*Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy*  
*Communication Quarterly*  
*Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*  
*Palliative Care and Social Practice*  
*Journal of Medical Internet Research- Formative Research*  
*Health Expectations*  
*Mass Communication and Society*

### C. *Conference Reviewer*

2022	KL2 award Penn State: University at Buffalo, Clinical and Translational Science Institute
2011 – present	National Communication Association
2012, 2022	International Communication Association
2012	Central States Communication Association Student Reviewer

#### **D. University at Buffalo**

2025-current	Health Sciences Scholarly Project <i>Working with first year medical students in connection with the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences as a research mentor for select students interested in end-of-life communication from a variety of perspectives.</i>
2024-present	Goals of care session for Advanced Medicine students. <i>Monthly one-hour Zoom sessions with medical students about engaging in end-of-life care conversations.</i>
2025-2026	CAS Academic Grievance Pool Undergraduate Representative
2023	Grievance Committee
2021	School of Nursing, S. S. Mentorship Program <i>Work with a nursing undergraduate on research that ended in a poster presentation.</i>
2018	University at Buffalo- Policy Committee
2016 – 2018	Palliative care small group leader- Facilitated dialogue among a small group of third year medical students

#### **E. Department of Communication, University at Buffalo**

2021 – 2024	Graduate Admission Committee
2018	Independent study: Chia-Hui (Kate) Chen PhD student in nursing, with a focus on end-of-life communication.

#### **D. Advising**

##### **Doctoral Advisees**

1. Tahleen Lattimer, Department of Communication.  
Dissertation defended Spring 2025.  
*Dr. Lattimer is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Center for Disability Health & Wellness in the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at University of Michigan.*

##### **Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member**

1. Gavin Raffloer, Department of Communication, expected graduation June, 2026.
2. Lana Pasek, Department of Nursing. Spring 2025.

3. Joanne Weinschreider, Department of Nursing. Winter 2023

**Master's Advisees**

1. Alda Espinal, Master of Arts. Department of Communication, expected graduation May 2026.
2. Antoinette Dailey, Master of Arts. Department of Communication. Master project completed spring 2024.
3. Cali Assaley, Master of Arts. Department of Communication. Masters project completed spring 2024.
4. Tahleen Lattimer, Department of Communication. Thesis defended 2019.

**F. *Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania***

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| 2014 | LGBTQ Mid-Atlantic Conference Chair  |
| 2013 | New Faculty Orientation, "What is it like to be new?", Panel participant                         |
| 2013 | Creation of TALE Center blog   |
| 2013 | LGBTQ Mid-Atlantic Conference Vice-Chair   |
| 2012 | LGBTQ Commission Member  |
| 2012 | LGBTQ Mid-Atlantic Conference<br>Contributed to planning and volunteered                         |
| 2012 | Teaching and Learning Enhancement (TALE) Center<br>Facilitated a session for the for new faculty |
| 2013 | Curriculum committee member  |
| 2013 | Search and screen committee member   |
| 2013 | Planning and assessment committee member   |
| 2013 | Library liaison  |

**G. *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee***

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| 2010       | Graduate Affairs Committee President<br>Events Include, Biweekly meetings with GAC members and planning social events |
| 2009       | Graduate student representative for department faculty hiring selection committee                                     |
| 2009, 2010 | Conducted Exit Interviews for Second Year MA Students graduating from UWM   |

**H. *Community***

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| 2024 | Medication Safety Curriculum with Cheektowaga Senior Center. Shared created curriculum with Center Director to practice facilitation of content with target audience members. Cheektowaga, NY. |
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- 2023-present Alzheimer's Association, The Walk to End Alzheimer's. Coordinated a team with health communication course and department. Buffalo, NY.
- 2021 - Present Bereavement coordinator for funerals. Meet with families who have lost a loved one to plan their funeral. Sts. Peter and Paul, Williamsville, NY.
- 2018 Camp Blue Skies. Camp counselor for bereaved children in WNY.
- 2018 Presentation for Western New York Prosperity Fellowship Program.
- 2017 - 2019 Professional Communication Danceability volunteer.
- 2013 Emeritus Senior Living Volunteer. Work with activities director plan outings and activities for residents of the assisted living facility.