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## EDUCATION

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- Doctor of Philosophy – Communication**, University of Connecticut **expected May 2022**  
GPA: 4.0  
Dissertation: Extending the climate change risk perception model in the United States: First-person and third-person effects  
Dissertation advisor: Kenneth A. Lachlan, PhD (Michigan State, 2003)
- Master of Arts – Communication Studies**, University of Rhode Island **2018**  
GPA: 4.0  
Thesis: Analysis of Newspaper Coverage of Offshore Wind Energy in the United States  
Thesis advisor: Hollie Smith, PhD (University of Maine, 2014)
- Bachelor of Arts – International Affairs** (with highest honors), University of Maine **2014**  
GPA: 3.98, *Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa  
Honors Thesis: Sustainability’s Inconvenient Discourse

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2018 -** **Communication Graduate Student Association President**, University of Connecticut  
**2018 -** **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication, University of Connecticut  
**2018 -** **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Communication, University of Connecticut  
**2019, 20** **Summer College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Orientation Advisor**, University of Connecticut  
**2016 – 2018** **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Communication Studies, University of Rhode Island  
**2017** **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Communication Studies, Department of Marine Affairs, and Department of Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Gilbert, C.** (2021). To blame is human: A quantitative systematic review of the relationship between outcome severity of large-scale crises and attributions of blame. *Risk Analysis*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/risa.13847>.
- Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., **Gilbert, C.**, & Spence, P. R. (2023). The 2018 wildfires: Examining sex differences in response to crisis communication and underlying processes. *Atlantic Journal of Communication*. **In press**.
- Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., **Gilbert, C.**, Rainear, A., & Spence, P. R. (2021). Sex differences in informational needs and media dependencies during the 2018 California wildfires. *Journal of Emergency Management*. **In press**.

- Lachlan, K. A., Spence, P. R., **Gilbert, C.**, & Hutter, E. (2021). Need for cognition and rumination: Alternative explanations for sex differences in disaster information seeking. *Progress in Disaster Science*, 11. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pdisas.2021.100180>.
- Lachlan, K. A., Spence, P., Hutter, E., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). Frozen while I scan: Examining the impact of media dependencies, socioeconomic status, and rumination on preparation behaviors related to Hurricane Dorian. *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, 29(4), 357-367. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-5973.12362>.
- Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., **Gilbert, C.**, & Spence, P. R. (2021). From what I've heard it's bad: An examination of Americans' source preferences and information seeking during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Progress in Disaster Science*, 9, 1-7. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pdisas.2021.100145>
- Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). COVID-19 echo chambers: Exploring the impact of conservative and liberal news sources on risk perception and response. *Health Security*, 19(1), 21-30. <https://doi.org/10.1089/hs.2020.0176>
- Lachlan, K. A., **Gilbert, C.**, Hutter, E., Rainear, A., & Spence, P. R. (2021). Ready in the face of danger? Investigating preparation, mitigation, and information seeking amongst those affected by the 2018 California wildfires. *Journal of Emergency Management*, 19(1). <https://doi.org/10.5055/jem.0507>
- Lachlan, K. A., Spence, P. R., Hutter, E., & **Gilbert, C.** (2020). Exploring sex differences in information needs, media dependencies, and attention allocation during Hurricane Dorian. *Journal of Emergency Management*. **In press**.
- Lachlan, K. A., Eastman, A., & **Gilbert, C.** (2020). Responses to risk messaging concerning Hurricane Sandy: Two studies utilizing the Health Belief Model. *Atlantic Journal of Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15456870.2020.1754823>.
- McGloin, R., Embacher, K., **Gilbert, C.**, & Van Heest, J. (2020). Gearing up to the future of exercise: Comparing children's experience of flow, enjoyment, and physical exertion in two versions of a cycling exergame. *Simulation and Gaming*, 51(6), 819-829. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1046878120943253>
- Lachlan, K. A., Spence, P. R., Seeger, M., **Gilbert, C.**, & Lin, X. (2019). Crisis communication in context: History and publication trends. *Journal of the Association for Communication Administration*, 38(2), 39-56.
- Gilbert, C.**, Smith, H., Bidwell, D., Smythe, T., Moore, A., McCann, J., & Miller, E. (2019). Gatekeeping and communities in energy transition: A study of the Block Island Wind Farm. *Environmental Communication*, 13(8), 1041-1052. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17524032.2018.1561484>
- Smith, H., & **Gilbert, C.** (2018). Communication barriers and lessons learned in energy policy. *Sustainability*, 10(2), 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su10020449>
- Smith, H., Menezes, S., & **Gilbert, C.** (2018). Science training and environmental journalism today: Effects of science journalism for midcareer professionals. *Applied Environmental Education & Communication*, 17(2), 161-173. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533015X.2017.1388197>

Smith, H. M., Smith, J. W., Silka, L., Lindenfeld, L., & **Gilbert, C.** (2016). Media and policy in a complex adaptive system: Insights from wind energy legislation in the United States. *Energy Research & Social Science, 19*, 53-60. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2016.05.016>

#### Publications Under Review or in Preparation

Smith, H., Markowitz, D. M., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). Science training for political reporters: A mixed-methods analysis of impact. *Journalism Practice*. **Revise and resubmit.**

Lachlan, K. A., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). Depth but not bias: Developing a scale to measure preferred sources for health news during the COVID pandemic. *Risk Analysis*. **Revise and resubmit.**

**Gilbert, C.** (2021). Extending the climate change risk perception model using third-person effects. *Communication Theory*. **Under review.**

Smith, H., & **Gilbert C.** (2021). Gatekeeping in the politicized era of science and journalism. *Science Communication*. **Under review.**

Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., **Gilbert, C.**, & Spence, P. R. (2021). The impact of rumination on information seeking, depressive symptomology, and protective actions in response to COVID-19. *Journal of Emergency Management*. **Under review.**

Steinke, J., **Gilbert, C.**, Opat, K., & Landrum, A. (2021). Examining the role of identity in women's intentions to engage with YouTube nature videos. *Science Communication*. **Under review.**

**Gilbert, C.**, Lachlan, K. A., & Stifano, S. C. (2021). A tale of two diseases: Attributions of blame during the 2019 Measles Outbreak and COVID-19. **In preparation.**

### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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\*Indicates top paper, presentation, or award

**Gilbert, C.**, & Lachlan, K. A. (2022). *Tropical storm "letdown:" Expectancy violations and emotional responses to Tropical Storm Henri*. Paper submitted to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Communication Association Conference. **Under review.**

Steinke, J., **Gilbert, C.**, Opat, K., & Landrum, A. (2022). *Examining the Role of Identity in Women's Intentions to Engage with YouTube Science and Nature Videos*. Paper submitted to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Communication Association Conference. **Under review.**

Lachlan, K. A., & **Gilbert, C.** (2022). *Examining the impact of sufficiency thresholds on climate change information seeking and behavioral intentions*. Paper submitted to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Communication Association Conference. **Under review.**

**Gilbert, C.** (2021). *To blame is human: A quantitative systematic review of the relationship between outcome severity of large-scale crises and attributions of blame*. Paper presented at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Communication Association. *Seattle, WA*.

**Gilbert, C.**, Lachlan, K. A., & Stifano, S. C. (2021). *My president, but not my governor: Understanding*

- perceptions of blame during the spring 2020 COVID-19 outbreak in Connecticut.* Paper presented at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Communication Association. *Seattle, WA.*
- Lachlan, K. A., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). *Depth but not bias: Developing a scale to measure preferred sources for health news.* Paper presented at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Communication Association. *Seattle, WA.*
- \*Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). *COVID-19 echo chambers: Examining the impact of conservative and liberal news sources on risk perception.* Paper presented at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern States Communication Association. *Virtual.* [**Top paper in Applied Communication Division**].
- \*Spence, P. R., Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). *From what I've heard, this is really bad: An examination of Americans' source preferences and information seeking during the COVID-19 pandemic.* Paper presented at the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Eastern Communication Association. *Cambridge, MA.* [**Top paper in Applied Communication Division**].
- \*Lachlan, K. A., Spence, P. R., Hutter, E., & **Gilbert, C.** (2021). *Frozen while I scan: Examining the impact of media dependencies, socioeconomic status, and rumination on preparation behaviors related to Hurricane Dorian.* Paper presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association. *Cincinnati, OH.* [**Top paper in Strategic and Applied Communication Interest Group**].
- Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., **Gilbert, C.**, & Spence, P. R. (2020). *The impact of need for cognition and rumination on sex differences in crisis information seeking.* Paper presented at the Society for Risk Analysis Conference. *Austin, TX.*
- Hutter, E., **Gilbert, C.**, Lachlan, K., & Spence P. R. (2020). *Exploring sex differences in information needs, media dependencies, and attention allocation during Hurricane Dorian.* Paper presented at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Communication Association. *Indianapolis, IN.*
- Gilbert, C.**, & Lachlan, C. (2020). *It's your fault! Attributions of blame during the 2019 measles outbreak and the CERC model.* Paper presented at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Communication Association. *Indianapolis, IN.*
- McGloin, M., Embacher-Martin, K., **Gilbert, C.** (2020). *Examining the enjoyment of exergaming amongst an adolescent population: A proof of concept study using the Espresso HD cyber cycling machine.* Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual UConn Center for mHealth and Social Media Conference, (virtual).
- Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E., & **Gilbert, C.** (2020). *Fanning the Flames and Drenching Hope: Examining Media Dependencies and Emotional Responses during Fast and Slow Moving Natural Disasters.* Paper accepted at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. Open communication division. *Gold Coast, Australia.* (Convention cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- \*Lachlan, K. A., **Gilbert, C.**, Hutter, E., Rainear, A., & Spence, P. R. (2020). *Ready in the face of danger? Investigating preparation, mitigation, and information seeking amongst those affected by the 2018 California wildfires.* Paper accepted at the 88<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association. *Rosemont, IL.* [**Top paper in Strategic and Applied Communication Interest Group**]. (Convention cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic).

- Gilbert, C.** (2020). *Zero carbon, but weaponizable: A content analysis of nuclear energy in the United States*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association. *Denver, CO*.
- Gilbert, C., Lachlan, K. A., Hutter, E. E., Rainear, A. M., & Spence, P. R.** (2019). *Exploring sex differences in informational needs and media dependencies during the 2018 California Wildfires*. Paper presented at the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Communication Association. *Baltimore, MD*.
- Gilbert, C., & Smith, H.** (2019). *A comparison case study of Cape Wind and the Block Island Wind Farm newspaper coverage*. Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Communication Association. ICA Environmental Division Graduate Student Preconference. *Washington, D.C.*
- \*Lachlan, K. A., Spence, P. R., Seeger, M., **Gilbert, C.**, & Lin, X. (2018). *Crisis communication in context: History and publication trends*. Paper presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Central States Communication Association. *Omaha, NE*. [**Awarded Top Paper in Public Relations Interest Group**].
- Gilbert, C., & Haggerty, M.** (2017). *Sustainability's Inconvenient Discourse*. Poster presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Communication and Environment. *Leicester, United Kingdom*.
- Smith, H., & **Gilbert, C.** (2017). *Cultural geography and wind energy systems in the Northeast*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. *Boston, MA*.

## FUNDING AND AWARDS

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### External Fellowships, Assistantships, and Grants

- Doctoral Student Researcher**, National Science Foundation, Decision, Risk and Management Sciences, *Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants*. Total award: \$18,739.00. (Kenneth A. Lachlan, PI). Fall 2021. **Submitted**.
- Graduate Student Personnel**, National Science Foundation, Division of Research on Learning, *Cracking the Code: Influencing Millennial Science Engagement* (award number 1811019). Total award: \$2,738,966.00 (Sue Ellen McCann, PI). October 1, 2018 – September 31, 2021. Spring/Fall 2021. <https://www.kqed.org/about/16658/cracking-the-code-science-identity>
- Graduate Student Personnel**, National Science Foundation, Decision Management and Risk Sciences Program, *RAPID: Investigating Media Dependencies, Mitigation Behavior, and Information Processing in the Time Leading up to Hurricane Dorian* (award number 1953270). Total award: \$15,995.00 (Kenneth A. Lachlan, PI). Spring/Fall 2020.
- Graduate Student Personnel**, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Environmental Studies, *Analysis of the effects of the Block Island Wind Farm on Rhode Island recreation and tourism activities* (NSL# AT-16-x23). Total award: \$311,000 (Jennifer McCann, PI). FY 2017-2019.
- Undergraduate Student Personnel**, National Science Foundation, Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), *Maine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative* (award number 0904155). Total award: \$20,000,000.

### Internal Fellowships, Assistantships, and Grants

**Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**, \$2,000.00, The Graduate School, University of Connecticut.

**Graduate Student Travel Fellowship**, \$1,000.00, The Graduate School, University of Connecticut

**Summer Fellowship**, \$2,342.00 for research productivity during the 2020-2021 AY, University of Connecticut

**Summer Fellowship**, \$1,391.00 for research productivity during the 2019-2020 AY, University of Connecticut

**Graduate Student Personnel**, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP), *Examining Attributions of Blame Associated with COVID-19 Pandemic*. Total award: \$2,250.00 (Kenneth A. Lachlan, PI). Spring 2020.

**Summer Fellowship**, \$626 for research productivity during the 2018-2019 AY, University of Connecticut

**Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship** (2018-2022 AYs), University of Connecticut

**Graduate Student Research Assistantship** (2018-2019 AY; 2021), University of Connecticut

**Enhancement of Graduate Research Award**, (2017-2018 AY), \$1000, University of Rhode Island

**Graduate Student Research Assistantship** (1/2017 – 12/2017), University of Rhode Island

**Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship** (2016-2018 AYs), University of Rhode Island

### Awards and Honors

**2022 University of Connecticut Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award Nominee**, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

**Teaching Excellence Acknowledgement** (2018-2020 AY), Office of the Provost, University of Connecticut

**Graduate Student Research Excellence Award** (2018), Department of Communication Studies, University of Rhode Island

**Graduate Student Academic Excellence Award** (2018), Department of Communication Studies, University of Rhode Island

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### Instructor of Record

Communication Fundamentals, **COM100**, University of Rhode Island (in-person)

The Process of Communication, **COMM1000**, University of Connecticut (online)

Media Literacy, **COMM2310W**, University of Connecticut (in-person; online)

Effects of Mass Media, **COMM2300**, University of Connecticut (in-person)

### Teaching Assistant

The Process of Communication, **COMM1000**, University of Connecticut (in-person; online)  
Responsible for leading weekly discussion, grading, and managing student questions/concerns.

### Head Teaching Assistant

The Process of Communication, **COMM1000**, University of Connecticut (in-person; online)  
In addition to teaching assistant responsibilities, managing 5-6 other teaching assistants (often first-year graduate students), running exams, and making course level decisions with the course faculty supervisor.

## UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Service to Department

#### **University of Connecticut**

- President, Communication Graduate Student Association, 2018-2022 AYs
- Volunteer, Departmental Graduate Student Open House, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Research Assistant, Video Game and Media Effects Lab, 2018-2020 AYs
- Lab Manager, Hall Memorial Middle School Espresso Bike Study, 2018-2020 AYs
- Cohost, COMMpendium Podcast, 2019-2020

### Service to Discipline

#### **Ad Hoc Reviewing for:**

*Applied Environmental Education & Communication*  
*Environmental Communication*  
*Games for Health Journal*  
*Health Communication*  
*International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*  
*Journalism Practice*

#### **Conference Reviewing for:**

*National Communication Association* – Mass Communication Division, Environmental Division  
*International Communication Association* – Mass Communication Division, Environmental Division,  
Journalism Studies Division

#### **International Communication Association (ICA) Environmental Communication Division**

*Student and Early Career Representative, 2020-*

*2021 graduate and early career pre-conference organizer* with the Environmental Communication division, the Visual Communication, and the Activism, Communication and Social Justice Interest Group

*2022 graduate and early career pre-conference organizer*

#### **National Communication Association (NCA) Environmental Communication Division**

*Guest Editor for Summer 2021 Newsletter.*

<https://sites.google.com/view/ecdnca/the-ecdigest/issue-5-summer-2021>

### Other Service

#### **University of Maine**

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, SOCIETIES, AND DEVELOPMENT**

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<b>2021</b>	Future Faculty Workshop, Northeastern University, <i>Attendee</i>
<b>2020</b>	Wayne State University 2020 Summer Doctoral Seminar. Topic: Health, Risk, and Crisis Communication with Dr. Timothy Sellnow, <i>Attendee</i>
<b>2019-</b>	National Communication Association (NCA), <i>Member</i>
<b>2018-</b>	International Communication Association (ICA), <i>Member</i>
<b>2017-2019</b>	International Environmental Communication Association (IECA), <i>Member</i>