

Paula Baldwin – Doctoral Student, Health Communication – George Mason University

Paula Baldwin is a first year doctoral student in George Mason University's Health Communication program. At the master's level, she focused on interpersonal communication. For the last three years, Paula has worked with a national interdisciplinary research group that focuses on end-of-life communication issues. In addition, during the last year of her master's program, she worked on a year-long children's bereavement project in association with Dr. Keeley of Texas State University-San Marcos. Her research interests center on the intersection of health, climate change and culture. Currently, Paula is a Graduate Research Assistant on a National Science Foundation grant examining broadcast meteorologists' best practices to effectively communicate about climate change science. In June, she will be presenting her first international paper in Scotland and then heading off to Greece for a part of the summer to further explore multicultural perspectives in health. To date, Paula is author or co-author on six publications with two book chapters and two journal articles in review. She was recently honored for her outstanding scholarship by being nominated by her Communication Department for the George Mason University's 2010-2011 Dean's Challenge award.