

CSCA 2013: Communicating the Possible

April 2-7, 2013
Kansas City, MO

Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Panels

Thursday, April 4th

Interpersonal/Organizational Connections

1213 Yardbird B
9:30-10:45 a.m.

Sponsors: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group
Professional Communication Interest Group
Chair: **Donna R. Pawlowski**, Creighton University
Respondent: **Katherine J. Denker**, Ball State University

“The Office Spouse: A Narrative Analysis of Relational Communication”

Daniel Almanza, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

“Defining and Understanding the Personal Nature of Farmers’ Markets”

Nathan M. Swords, Western Michigan University

“Boundaries of Privacy: A Look at Family Satisfaction, Job Satisfaction, and Work-Life Balance”

Anna F. Carmon, North Dakota State University

Kristen J. Brasher, Elwood Staffing

Let’s Get a Little Closer... Or Not

1512 Yardbird B
2:00-3:15 p.m.

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group
Chair: **Elizabeth Ribarsky**, University of Illinois-Springfield
Respondent: **Leah E. Bryant**, DePaul University

“Online Romance: Social Network Influence over Reliance, Commitment and Satisfaction in Online Romantic Relationships”

Kimberly Schaefer, Baker University

“Memorable First Time Sexual Experiences: Gendered Patterns and Nuances”

Mark P. Orbe, Western Michigan University

Amber L. Johnson, Prairie View A&M University

Lydia D. Kauffman, Western Michigan University

Angela F. Cooke-Jackson, Emerson College

“Trait Affection and Adult Attachment Styles: Analyzing Relationships and Group Differences”

Sara L. Trask, University of Missouri, Columbia

Colin Hesse, University of Missouri, Columbia

“Topic Avoidance in Close Friendships: An Exploratory Study” (Top Student Paper)
Emily M. Cramer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Amanda K. Ruiz, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Contemporary Understanding of Marriage

1615 Yardbird B
3:30-4:45 p.m.

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group
Chair: **Audra K. Nuru**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Respondent: **Andrea Lambert South**, Northern Kentucky University

“So When Are You Going to Get Married?’: Singlism as a Form of Microaggression”
Jennifer A. Jackl, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Andrew W. Cole, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

“Making the Choice: The Influence of Messages and Relational Sources about Marriage”
Arrington Stoll, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

“Interpersonal Communication Motives and Marital Satisfaction”
Qiaozhen Jia, University of Kansas

“Jon and Kate Separate: Changing Privacy Boundaries”
Tennley A. Vik, Emporia State University
Jocelyn M. DeGroot, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Storying and Unstorying Relationships

1713 Yardbird B
5:00-6:15 p.m.

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group
Chair: **Haley Kranstuber Horstman**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Respondent: **Jessica J. Eckstein**, Western Connecticut State University

“Remembering Loved Ones through Stories: An Analysis of StoryCorps’ 9/11 Narratives”
Kelly E. Tenzek, Bloomsburg University
Jordan Compton, Ohio University

“Mother-Daughter Storytelling: A Window into My Life with OCD”
Melissa M. Kampa, University of Iowa

“Out of the Ashes: Adult Survivors of Abuse”
Laura K. Pelletier, Minnesota State University-Mankato

“Who Are You to Tell Me Who I Am? Joint Identity Construction in *The Real Housewives of New York*”
Kelly E. Tenzek, Bloomsburg University
Mridula Mascarenhas, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Nancy Burrell, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Friday, April 5th

Top Papers in Interpersonal and Small Group Communication

2215 Truman A

9:30-10:45 a.m.

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group

Chair: **Jimmie Manning**, Northern Illinois University

Respondent: **Jordan Soliz**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“An Exploratory Study of Experience and Expression of Emotions of Stepchildren at Critical Events in Stepfamily Life” (Top Paper)

Sandra Metts, Illinois State University

Dawn O. Braithwaite, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Paul Schrodtt, Texas Christian University

Tiffany R. Wang, University of Montevallo

Amanda J. Holman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Audra K. Nuru, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Jenna Stephenson-Abetz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“An Analysis of Humor Orientation on Facebook: A Lens Model Approach”

Natalie Pennington, University of Kansas

Jeffrey A. Hall, University of Kansas

“Analyzing Form and Function in Humor: Preliminary Sketch of a Message-Centered Model”

Nathan Miczo, Western Illinois University

“Testing Threshold Levels: Conflict, Equity, and Satisfaction in Dividing Domestic Labor”

Sarah E. Riforgiate, Kansas State University

Paul Mongeau, Arizona State University

Jess K. Alberts, Arizona State University

“Relational Uncertainty and Geographic Distance as Threats to Friends’ Everyday Talk and Closeness”

Amy T. Keating, Texas Christian University

Andrew M. Ledbetter, Texas Christian University

Communicating Tough Love in Relationships

2410 Salon 4 Hoover

2:30-3:45 p.m.

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group

Chair: **DeAnne Priddis**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

“Tough Love in Stepfamilies”

Leah E. Bryant, DePaul University

“Tough Love and the Decision to Confront Friends about Risky Behaviors”

Melissa Maier, Upper Iowa University

“Conflict among Empty-Nesters: Physiological Outcomes and Implications”

Mary E. Nagy, Bloomsburg University

“Signature Strengths in Support Group Communication about Tough Love”

Charles F. Aust, Kennesaw State University

“Helping but Supporting Alcoholism: Persuading Family Members for Resources”

DeAnne Priddis, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

This panel explores the conflict that occurs when tough love has to be demonstrated in a relationship. The communication of tough love addressed in this panel includes stepparent/stepchild relationships, confronting a friend about risky behavior, couples who are new empty-nesters, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon group support in recovery process, and family members of alcoholics.

Finding Light in the Darkness Relational “Possibilities” During Difficult Situations

2515 Truman A

4:00-5:15 p.m.

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group

Chair: **Maria Brann**, West Virginia University

“Why are Those Boxes in the Living Room? Keeping a Bright Side to a Commuter Marriage”

Donna R. Pawlowski, Creighton University

“Communicating Through Pain: Coping with a Partner’s Chronic Pain in Marital Communication”

Lynn H. Turner, Marquette University

“Finding Light in the Darker Days of Anxiety and Depression”

Linda Dickmeyer, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

“Words Support Like Bone: Using Experiential Group Communicative Practices with Young Adults to Confront Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Difficulties”

Lawrence R. Frey, University of Colorado, Boulder

“Using Grief to Build Friendship and Friendship to Cope with Grief”

Dena Huisman, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

As much as we want stress-free lives, we will encounter challenging or difficult situations that may be temporary or ongoing. These stressors may put a strain on our health and our relationships. Staying positive and finding ways to manage life’s situations are critical to successful relational outcomes. Panelists share research and experiences of finding what’s “possible” throughout life’s relational, emotional, and/or familial challenges as we learn about coping with life’s uncertainties.

Saturday, April 6th

**Communicating New Possibilities for Exploring Interpersonal Relationships:
Audio Documentary as Autoethnography**

3107 Burgundy

8:00-9:15 a.m.

Sponsors: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group
Media Studies Interest Group

Chair: **David Engen**, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Presenters: **David Engen**, Minnesota State University-Mankato
Robert S. Jersak, Century College
Scott D. Johnson, University of Richmond

In their book *Recording Culture: Audio Documentary and the Ethnographic Experience*, communication scholars Makogan and Neumann (2008) argue audio documentary is “a premier form of qualitative research that serves as an alternative form of inventive storytelling based on the practices of field work.” Working from this premise, this panel features three audio documentaries using autoethnographic techniques to explore complex interpersonal relationships. The panel also features a discussion about getting started making audio documentaries.

Interpersonal Approaches to Education and Student Development

3115 Truman A

8:00-9:15 a.m.

Sponsors: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group
Communication Education Interest Group

Chair: **Keith Denslow**, Rogers State University

Respondent: **Paul Schrodt**, Texas Christian University

“Are They as Smart as They Look? The Impact of Weight, Dress, and Sex on Instructor Credibility”

Anna R. Herrman, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Jenna McNallie, Purdue University

“Dialoguing in Teacher-Student Relationships: A Push for Critical Pedagogy”

Molly Wiant Cummins, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

“Exploring Expectancy Violations Theory”

Jenna McNallie, Purdue University

“Autonomy vs. Connection: How Student Narratives Challenge and Bolster the Theory of Emerging Adulthood”

Erica Prenger, University of Texas at Austin

Online Exploration of Social Support and Identity

3313 Truman A

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group

Chair: **Jenny Rosenberg**, Kent State University

Respondent: **Kevin Wright**, St. Louis University

“Supporting a Thin-Group Online: A Social Identity Theory and Social Support Analysis of Pro-Anorexia Online Community”

Allyn Lueders, University of Kansas

“Disenfranchised Grief: How Family Members of Suicide Victims Mourn Their Loss in an Online Support Group”

Noah Franken, University of Missouri-Columbia

“Differences in Computer Mediated and Face-to-Face Divorce Support Groups”

Anna M. Wright, Illinois State University

Emily Beukema, Illinois State University

Mallory Leggitt, Illinois State University

Cory Cosens, University of Southern Mississippi

“Identity-Work, Instant Messaging, and Sexual Solicitation of Minors: The Case of a 46 Year Old Man and a 13 Year Old Girl”

Daniel A. Usera, University of Iowa

CSCA Spotlight Panel:

Interpersonal Communication’s Past, Present, and Bright Future

3410 Truman A

12:30-1:45 p.m.

Sponsors: First Vice President **Chad Edwards**, Western Michigan University

Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group

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Presenters: **Dawn O. Braithwaite**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Steve Duck, University of Iowa

Kory Floyd, Arizona State University

Elissa Foster, DePaul University

Andrew M. Ledbetter, Texas Christian University

Jimmie Manning, Northern Illinois University

Sally Planalp, Kent State University

Kevin Wright, St. Louis University

What does the future of interpersonal communication studies hold? Eight interpersonal communication scholars from a variety of different paradigms and at different stages of their career offer their insights. Each will consider the past and present so as to offer their personal visions of what the bright future of interpersonal communication research and teaching entails. Audience members will have the opportunity to interact with the panelists after they offer their personal statements. Don’t miss this excellent opportunity for discussion!

Modern Families

3511 Truman A
2:00-3:15 pm

Sponsor: Interpersonal & Small Group Communication Interest Group
Chair: **Sarah E. Wilder**, Luther College
Respondent: **Kory Floyd**, Arizona State University

“Text Messaging Within the Parent-Child Dyad: An Examination of Use, Frequency, and Effect on Relational Closeness”

Leah M. Seurer, University of Denver

Lacey N. Stein, University of Denver

“Communicating Gendered Values: Women’s Motherhood, Feminism, and Generativity Identities as Predictors of Gender Socialization of Daughters”

Christine Rittenour, West Virginia University

Colleen Warner Colaner, University of Missouri, Columbia

“Unpacking the Consumer Socialization Model: Family Communication Patterns, Openness, Messages, and Parental Influence of Emerging Adults’ Financial Understanding”

Allison R. Thorson, University of San Francisco

Haley Kranstuber Horstman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

“Privacy Orientations as a Function of Family Communication Patterns”

Morgan C. Bridge, Texas Christian University

Paul Schrodt, Texas Christian University

“Development and Validation of the Post-Dissolution Relational Communication Index”

Andrea Lambert South, Northern Kentucky University

Patrick C. Hughes, Texas Tech University

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