

## **Interpersonal Communication Division**

Southern States Communication Association  
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Crossing Ideologies: Communication and Collaboration in a Changing World

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### **Crossing Ideologies within Communication: Integrating Media/Technology, Interpersonal Communication, and Theory I**

Sponsors: Communication Theory Division and Interpersonal Communication Division

Chair: Michelle Violanti, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Participants:

Richard I. Falvo, El Paso Community College  
Susan I. Drummer, Georgetown College  
Kerry Straver, Otterbein College  
Jessica Thern Smith, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

This panel examines how social networking sites and cellular technology have impacted human interaction, and if these technological developments have sparked a need to reexamine traditional communication theory. Collectively, these papers seek to spark conversation about whether or not the emergence of new media has fundamentally challenged existing communication theory.

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### **New Directions for Research in Interpersonal Communication**

Sponsor: Interpersonal Communication Division

Chair: Kattrina Baldus, University of Arkansas

"Scale Development: Attitude towards Providing Social Support to People with Life-Threatening Diseases." Yan Guan, University of Southern Mississippi

"“But, Doc, Dan Rather said Tomatoes Were Good for Me Last Week!”: A Model of Perceive Ambiguity, Interpersonal, and Mediated Exercise Messages". Jennifer B. Gray, Appalachian State University

"Social Diffusion: A Measurement Model and Construct Validation." Michael R. Kotowski, University of Tennessee

"Analyzing “Invisible Illness”: Stigmas as an Influence on Disclosure." Jennifer Russell,

University of Alabama

Respondent: Fran C. Dickson, University of Denver

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### **Top Four Papers in the Interpersonal Communication Division**

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Chair: Todd Lee Goen, University of Georgia

"Use of MSN Features, Discussion Topics and Online Friendship Development among Teenagers: The Impact of Media Richness and Communication Control." Vivian C. Sheer, Hong Kong Baptist University

\* "Emotional Intelligence and Conflict in Romantic Relationships among College Students." Claire L. Morledge, University of Arkansas, Lynne M. Webb, University of Arkansas

"The Challenges of Safer Sex Talk: College Students' Descriptions of Conflicts during Interactions with Intimate Partners." Patricia Amason, University of Arkansas, Lynne M. Webb, University of Arkansas, Paula K. Agee, University of Arkansas, Megan L. Wilson, University of Arkansas, Monica Zakeri, University of Arkansas

\*\* "'Would You Like to Join Us?': Ostensible Speech Acts and Women's Role in the Biological and Inter-marital Family and Their Influences on Perceived Marital Success." Heather L. Floyd, Old Dominion University

Respondent: Abby Brooks, Georgia Southern University

\* Top Paper

\*\* Top Student Paper

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### **Crossing Ideologies within Communication: Integrating Media/Technology, Interpersonal Communication, and Theory II**

Sponsors: Interpersonal Communication Division and Communication Theory Division

Chair: Shawna Harris, University of Georgia

Participants:

Allyson Beutke DeVito, University of Tennessee

Sandra French, Radford University

Linda Potter Crumley, Southern Adventist University

Chris Clouzet, Southern Adventist University

Jessica Thern Smith, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

This panel explores how college students' use of various communication technologies impacts their interpersonal relationships. These scholars explore how text messaging and social networking sites shape relationships as well as examine how technological dependence influences relationships. Further, they will discuss how college students are using technological tools to create, sustain, manage, and terminate their interpersonal relationships.

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### **Factors Influencing Communication in Interpersonal Relationships**

Sponsor: Interpersonal Communication Division

Chair: Megan L. Wilson, University of Arkansas

"Influencing Mother's Identity: A Comparison of Teen and Adult Mothers' Information Sources." Charla L. Markham Shaw, University of Texas-Arlington

"Friends 'Till The End: Does Empathy Impact How Forgiveness Is Granted Among Friendship Dyads?" L. Lori Poole, University of Denver

"An Examination of the Influence of Type of Teasing and Outcome on Teaser Stress." Courtney N. Wright, University of Tennessee

"The Effects of Affection, Emotional Support, and Self-Disclosure on Trust in Romantic Relationships." Katrina Baldus, University of Arkansas

Respondent: Carrie M. Oliveira, East Tennessee State University

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### **Surviving Katrina, Rita, and Ike: A Roundtable Discussion on Interpersonal, Intercultural, Organizational, and Media Responses to Natural Disaster**

Sponsor: Mass Communication and Interpersonal Communication

Participants:

Sudeshna Roy, Stephen F. Austin State University

Larry J. King, Stephen F. Austin State University

Mary Alice Baker, Lamar University

Jerry K. Frye, Stephen F. Austin University

John Yearwood, Lamar University

Jim Towns, Stephen F. Austin University

In the span of a few years three major hurricanes have hit the same region of the South with devastating consequences. Members of this panel will discuss research they are conducting on interpersonal, intercultural, organizational, and media responses to these three natural disasters.