

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Meeting  
The Southern States Communication Association  
1997 Interpersonal Communication Division Panels

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**INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND INSTRUCTION**

Chair: William Edwards, Columbus College

*The Role of Interpersonal Communication in Instruction.* James McCroskey, West Virginia University

*Interpersonal Communication, Communication Learning, and Community Service.* Richard Conville, University of Southern Mississippi

*Parasocial Interaction and Students' Perceptions of Teacher Effectiveness.* Rodney Reynolds, Regent University, Susan Zvacek, Old Dominion University, Janice King, Regent University, and Rachel A. Olsen, Regent University

**MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS NEAR AND FAR:  
PAPERS IN INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION**

Chair: Michael Waltman, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*Adolescents' Recall of Everyday Communication: Implications for General Self-Esteem.* Rhunette Diggs, University of Louisville

*\*Maintenance Strategies in Long Distance and Proximal Relationships.* Katheryn C. Maguire, University of North Texas

*\*\*Long-Distance Friendship: A Dialectical Analysis.* Ann Hawkins, University of Southern Mississippi

\*Student and Debut Paper

\*\*Student Paper

## **TOP THREE PAPERS IN INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION**

Chair: Don Orban, St. Louis University

*Communicator's Conscious Awareness and Teaching Interpersonal Communication.* Paul E. King, Texas Christian University

*What's the first move?: The Effectiveness of Opening Statements on Gaining Compliance in the GRIT Strategy.* Adrienne L. Fry, Arthur Anderson Consulting, and Jerold L. Hale, University of Georgia

*\*Assessing Interpersonal Communication Skills in Preparing Women for Work.* Joann Keyton, and Wanda Kilgore, University of Memphis

\*Top paper

## **FUNNIEST IN THE FIELD: SPOTLIGHT PANEL ON THE LIFE AND WORK OF CHARLES R. GRUNER**

Chair: Thomas J. Socha, Old Dominion University

The Interpersonal Communication Division of SSCA pays tribute to Charles R. Gruner of the University of Georgia for his career-long contributions to the communication field. Gruner, who holds the distinction as the field's most-published humor scholar, will be interviewed by Jennings Bryant, University of Alabama, who, among other distinctions, is also a leading humor scholar. Tributes from audience members are invited.

## **LOVE, PRAYER, AND COMPLIANCE: PAPERS IN INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION**

Chair: Brenda Burchett, George Mason University

*C. S. Lewis: Images of Love and Marriage in Mere Christianity and The Four Loves.* Lynn Reynolds, Regent University

*Interpersonal Christian Prayer and Communication.* E. James Baesler, Old Dominion University

*Theory and Research on Compliance Gaining: Past, Present, and Future.* Vivian Sheer, St. Louis University