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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2012 Department of Communication, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
Feminist Studies Doctoral Emphasis
- M.A. 2009 Department of Communication, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
- B.A. 2007 Department of Communication (Honors), Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.
Minors: Film Studies, Women's Studies

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Dept. of Communication, University of Connecticut (UConn), 2017-present
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Communication, UConn, 2012-2017

Affiliations and Appointments

Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Western Sydney University (Australia), 2022
Faculty Affiliate, The Kinsey Institute, Indiana University, 2021-present
Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Communication, UConn, 2015-2018
Affiliate, The Ronald and Nancy Rohner Center for the Study of Interpersonal Acceptance & Rejection, UConn, 2014-present
Affiliate, Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, UConn, 2012-present

Additional Positions Held Prior to Ph.D. Completion

Adjunct Faculty, Santa Barbara City College, 2008-2012
President's Dissertation Year Fellow, U. of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), 2011-2012
Lecturer, California State University, Channel Islands, 2011-2012
Graduate Research Fellow, Center for Nanotechnology in Society-UCSB, 2011
Teaching Assistant, UCSB, 2007-2010
Teaching Assistant, Boston College, 2006-2007

PUBLICATIONS

(+ signifies a student co-author)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (62)

Denes, A., Cornelius, T., +Webber, K. T., +Guest, C., +Ellis, J. A., & Gorin, A. A. (in press).
Living through the pandemic together: Exploring the associations among couples' communal orientation, self-disclosure, and thriving. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

- Denes, A.**, McGloin, R., ⁺Hamlin, E., Speer, A. C., ⁺Coletti, A., & ⁺Guest, C. (in press). Promoting peer connection in online courses: Exploring the effect of media richness on presence and social connection. *Technology, Pedagogy and Education*.
- Crowley, J. P., **Denes, A.**, Bleakly, A., ⁺Webber, K. T., ⁺Geary, D., ⁺DelGreco, M., ⁺Whitt, J., ⁺Guest, C., & ⁺Hamlin, E. (in press). The longitudinal influence of supportive messages on stress reactivity and general well-being for LGBTQ+ recipients of hate speech: Comparing the effects of verbal person-centered and autonomy support. *Communication Monographs*.
- ⁺Bennett-Brown, M., & **Denes, A.** (in press). Testing the communication during sexual activity model: An examination of the associations among personality characteristics, sexual communication, and sexual and relationship satisfaction. *Communication Research*.
- ⁺Guest, C., & **Denes, A.** (2023). Navigating relational escalation: Exploring the associations among dialectical tensions, relationship stages, and attachment. *Western Journal of Communication*. Advanced online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10570314.2023.2166797>
- ⁺Guest, C., & **Denes, A.** (2022). Too much too soon?: Perceived appropriateness of sexting across stages of relationship development and attachment type. *Computers in Human Behavior*. Advanced online publication. ***Chosen to be part of Elsevier's Research Selection e-newsletter for science journalists and reporters.***
- Denes, A.**, Cornelius, T., ⁺Guest, C., ⁺Webber, K. T., & Gorin, A. A. (2022). Sexuality and mental health during the pandemic: Associations among couples' COVID-19 anxiety, sexual communication, and sexual satisfaction. *Communication Research Reports*, 39(5), 248-258. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08824096.2022.2120862>
- Denes, A.**, Crowley, J. P., ⁺Gibson, L. P., & ⁺Hamlin, E. L. (2022). Mother-son communication about sex: Exploring associations with emerging adult sons' sexual self-esteem, anxiety, and satisfaction. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 17(1), 84–105. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15546128.2021.1959474>
- McGloin, R., ⁺Coletti, A., ⁺Hamlin, E., & **Denes, A.** (2022). Required to work from home: Examining transitions to digital communication channels during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Communication Research Reports*, 39(1), 44–55. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08824096.2021.2012757>
- Powers, T. A., Koestner, R., **Denes, A.**, Cornelius, T., & Gorin, A. A. (2022). Autonomy support in a couples weight loss trial: Helping yourself while helping others. *Families, Systems, & Health*, 40(1), 70–78. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fsh0000663>
- Denes, A.**, Crowley, J. P., Dhillon, A., Bennett-Brown, M., Stebbins, J. L., & Granger, S. W. (2022). Exploring the role of oxytocin in communication processes: A test of the post sex

disclosures model. *Communication Monographs*, 89(2), 141-164.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2021.1957490>

Cornelius, T., **Denes, A.**, ⁺Webber, K. T., ⁺Guest, C., Goldsmith, J., Schwartz, J. E., & Gorin, A. A. (2022). Relationship quality and objectively measured physical activity before and after implementation of COVID-19 stay-home orders. *Journal of Health Psychology*, 37(8), 1013-1021. <https://doi.org/10.1177/135910532111042075>

Crowley, J. P., **Denes, A.**, ⁺Ponivas, A., ⁺Makos, S., & ⁺Whitt, J. (2021). Forgiveness through writing: Exploring the effects of narrative completeness, emotional expression, and physiology on forgiveness. *Narrative Inquiry*. Advance online publication.
<http://doi.org/10.1075/ni.20017.cro>

Denes, A., Crowley, J. P., ⁺Ponivas, A., Cornelius, T., ⁺Allred, R. J., ⁺Gettens, K. M., Powers, T., & Gorin, A. A. (2021). Evidence of the associations between individual and partner autonomy support and physiological stress in the context of conversations about weight among couples who are overweight or obese during a 6-month intervention. *Health Communication*, 1–9. Advance online publication.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2021.1880685>

⁺DelGreco, M., **Denes, A.**, Davis, S., & ⁺Webber, K. T. (2021). Revisiting attribution theory: Toward a critical feminist approach for understanding attributions of blame. *Communication Theory*, 31(2), 250–276. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ct/qtab001>

Reyes, D. V., Speer, A. C., & **Denes, A.** (2021). White women and Latina readers' ambivalence toward *Fifty Shades of Grey*. *Sexuality & Culture*, 25(3), 852–870.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-020-09797-3>

Denes, A. (2021). Gene x environment interactions and pillow talk: Investigating the associations among the OXTR gene, orgasm, post sex communication, and relationship satisfaction in young adult relationships. *Communication Studies*, 72(1), 68–85.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10510974.2020.1807373>

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<https://doi.org/10.1111/pere.12324>

Denes, A., Crowley, J. P., ⁺Winkler, K. L., ⁺Ponivas, A. L. P., ⁺Dhillon, A., & ⁺Bennett, M. (2020). Exploring the effect of pillow talk on relationship satisfaction and physiological stress responses to couples' difficult conversations. *Communication Monographs*, 87(3), 267–290. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2020.1726424>

- Denes, A., Dillow, M. R., Lannutti, P. J., & Bevan, J. (2020).** Acceptable experimentation?: Investigating reasons for same-sex infidelity and women's anticipated responses to a male partner's hypothetical same-sex infidelity. *Personality and Individual Differences, 160*(1). Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2020.109929>
- ⁺Dhillon, A., **Denes, A.**, Crowley, J. P., ⁺Ponivas, A. L. P., ⁺Winkler, K. L., & ⁺Bennett, M. (2020). Does testosterone influence young adult romantic partners' accommodation during conversations about stressors? *Human Communication Research, 46*(4), 444–469. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hcr/hqaa008>
- ⁺DelGreco, M., Ebesu Hubbard, A. S., & **Denes, A.** (2020). Communicating by catcalling: Power dynamics and communicative motivations in street harassment. *Violence Against Women, 27*(9), 1402–1426. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801220927085>
- ⁺DelGreco, M., & **Denes, A.** (2020). You're not as cute as you think you are: Emotional responses to expectancy violations in heterosexual online dating interactions. *Sex Roles, 82*, 622–632. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-019-01078-0>.
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- ⁺Gibson, L. P., **Denes, A.**, & Crowley, J. P. (2020). College women's sexual and reproductive health screening behaviors and the role of mother-daughter communication. *Journal of American College Health, 68*(4), 357–365. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2018.1549558>
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- Denes, A., Horan, S.M., & ⁺Bennett, M. (2019).** “Faking it” and affectionate communication: Exploring the authenticity of orgasm and relational quality indicators. *Personality and Individual Differences, 151*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2019.06.013>
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- Balta, S., Jonason, P. K., **Denes, A.**, Emirtekin, E., Tosuntaş, Ş. B., Kircaburun, K., & Griffiths, M. D. (2019). Dark personality traits and problematic smartphone use: The mediating

- role of fearful attachment. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 149, 214–219. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2019.06.005>
- ⁺Bennett, M., & **Denes, A.** (2019). Lying in bed: An analysis of deceptive affectionate messages during sexual activity in young adults' romantic relationships. *Communication Quarterly*, 67(2), 140–157. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01463373.2018.1557722>
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- Afifi, T. D., Merrill, A., & Davis, S., **Denes, A.**, & Coveleski, S. (2019). The impact of a need for closure and support quality on verbal and cognitive brooding. *Communication Research*, 46(6), 757–784. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650216644018>
- Denes, A.**, & Speer, A. C. (2018). Infidelity goes online: Communicating about sexual health in personal ads when seeking extra-dyadic relationships on Craigslist. *International Journal of Sexual Health*, 30(2), 177–194. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19317611.2018.1477898>
- Denes, A.**, Crowley, J. P., ⁺Makos, S., ⁺Whitt, J., & ⁺Graham, K. (2018). Navigating difficult times with pillow talk: Post sex communication as a strategy for mitigating uncertainty following relational transgressions. *Communication Reports*, 31(2), 65–77. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08934215.2017.1386792>
- Afifi, T. D., Davis, S., Merrill, A. F., ⁺Coveleski, S., **Denes, A.**, & ⁺Shahnazi, A. F. (2018). Couples' communication about financial uncertainty following the Great Recession and its impact on stress, mental health and divorce proneness. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 39(2), 205–219. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-017-9560-5>
- Denes, A.** (2018). Toward a post sex disclosures model (PSDM): Exploring the associations among orgasm, self-disclosure, and relationship satisfaction. *Communication Research*, 45(3), 297–318. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650215619216>
- Crowley, J. P., **Denes, A.**, ⁺Makos, S., & ⁺Whitt, J. (2018). Threats to courtship and the physiological response: Testosterone mediates the association between relational uncertainty and disclosure for dating partner recipients of relational transgressions. *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology*, 4(3), 264–282. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40750-018-0092-5>
- McGloin, R., & **Denes, A.** (2018). Too hot to trust: Examining the relationship between attractiveness, trustworthiness, and desire to date in online dating. *New Media & Society*, 20(3), 919–936 <https://doi.org/10.1177/1461444816675440>
- Denes, A.**, ⁺Bennett, M., & ⁺Winkler, K. L. (2017). Exploring the benefits of affectionate communication: Implications for interpersonal acceptance–rejection theory. *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, 9(4), 491–506. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jftr.12218>

- Denes, A.,** ⁺Dhillon, A., & Speer, A. C. (2017). Relational maintenance strategies during the post sex time interval. *Communication Quarterly*, 65(3), 307–332. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01463373.2016.1245206>
- Denes, A.,** Afifi, T. A., & Granger, D. A. (2017). Physiology and pillow talk: Relations between testosterone and communication post sex. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 34(3), 281–308. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407516634470>
- Denes, A.,** Gasiorek, J. & Giles, H. (2016). “Don’t touch that dial”: Accommodating musical preferences in interpersonal relationships. *Psychology of Music*, 44(5), 1193–1201. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0305735615609799>
- ⁺Savelli, M., & **Denes, A.** (2016). Disclosure and invisible illnesses: Effects on the attribution process. *International Journal of Communication and Health*, 9, 1–11.
- Joseph, A., & Afifi, T. A., & **Denes, A.** (2016). (Unmet) Standards for emotional support and their short- and medium-term consequences. *Communication Monographs*, 83(2), 163–193. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2015.1068432>
- Denes, A.,** Lannutti, P. J., & Bevan, J. L. (2015). Same-sex infidelity in heterosexual relationships: Investigating emotional, relational, and communicative responses. *Personal Relationships*, 22(3), 414–430. <https://doi.org/10.1111/per.12087>
- Denes, A.** (2015). Genetic and individual influences on predictors of disclosure: Exploring variation in the oxytocin receptor gene and attachment security. *Communication Monographs*, 82(1), 113–133. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2014.993544>
- Floyd, K., & **Denes, A.** (2015). Attachment security and oxytocin receptor gene polymorphism interact to influence affectionate communication. *Communication Quarterly*, 63(3), 272–285. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01463373.2015.1039718>
- Afifi, T. D., Davis, S., Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., **Denes, A.,** & Afifi, W. A. (2015). In the wake of the Great Recession: Economic uncertainty, communication, and physiological stress responses in families. *Human Communication Research*, 41(2), 268–302. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hcre.12048>
- Afifi, T. D., Granger, D. A., Joseph, A., **Denes, A.,** & Aldeis, D. (2015). The influence of divorce and parents’ communication skills on adolescents’ and young adults’ stress reactivity and recovery. *Communication Research*, 42(7), 1009–1042. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650213509665>
- Denes, A.,** & Afifi, T. D. (2014). Pillow talk and cognitive decision making processes: Exploring the role of orgasm and alcohol on communication after sexual activity. *Communication Monographs*, 81(3), 333–358. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03637751.2014.926377> **Part of**

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- Miller, M. J., **Denes, A.**, Buck, R., & Diaz, B. (2014). Attachment style predicts jealous reactions to viewing touching between a romantic partner and close friend: Implications for internet social communication. *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior, 38*(4), 451–476. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10919-014-0196-y>
- Miller, M. J., **Denes, A.**, Diaz, B., & Ranjit, Y. S. (2014). Touch attitudes in cross-sex friendships: We're just friends. *Personal Relationships, 21*(2), 309–323. <https://doi.org/10.1111/per.12033>
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Edited Books (1)

Aloia, L. S., **Denes, A.**, & Crowley, J. C. (Eds.). (2020). *The Oxford handbook of the physiology of interpersonal communication*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190679446.001.0001>

Chapters and Other Invited Publications (21)

Denes, A., +Tucker, R.V., & +Quay, E. (in press). Sexual communication. In A. K. Goodboy & K. Shultz (Eds.), *Introduction to communication studies: Translating communication scholarship into meaningful practice* (2nd ed.). Kendall Hunt.

Denes, A., Crowley, J. P., & Dhillon, A. (in press). Hormonal mechanisms of in-pair mating. In J. Mogilski & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of evolutionary psychology and romantic relationships*. Oxford University Press.

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Afifi, T. D., **Denes, A.**, & +Salehuddin, A. (2022). Contemporary approaches to studying biological and physiological markers in a changing instructional context. In M. Houser & A. Hosek (Eds.), *Instructional communication handbook* (3rd ed., pp. 385-406). Kendall-Hunt.

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- Denes, A.**, & Speer, A. C. (2016). Chatting, snacking, and snuggling: An overview of research on post sex communication. In J. Manning & C. Noland (Eds.), *Contemporary studies of sexuality & communication: Theoretical and applied approaches* (pp. 203–216). Kendall-Hunt.
- Nowak, K., & **Denes, A.** (2016). Androgyny. In N. A. Naples (Ed.), *The Wiley Blackwell encyclopedia of gender and sexuality studies* (pp. 1–3). John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. <http://doi.org/10.1002/9781118663219.wbegss282>
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Manuscripts Under Review (3)

Denes, A., Crowley, J. P., Gasiorek, J., ⁺Dhillon, A., ⁺Bennett-Brown, M., ⁺Winkler, K. L., & ⁺Ponivas, A. L. P. (revise & resubmit). Exploring linguistic markers, threat appraisals, and genotypic variation during couples' conflict conversations.

⁺Guest, C., **Denes, A.**, ⁺Webber, K. T., Gorin, A. A., & Cornelius, T. (under review). Phone or affection?: Assessing dyadic perceptions of partner phubbing, affection deprivation, and relationship satisfaction.

⁺Winkler, K. L., **Denes, A.**, Crowley, J. P., ⁺ Bennett-Brown, M., ⁺Dhillon, A., ⁺Ponivas, A. L. P. (under review). Further understanding benevolent sexism and rape myth acceptance: Is testosterone to blame?

Manuscripts In Progress (8)

Denes, A., Crowley, J. P., ⁺Webber, K. T., ⁺Whitt, J., Hamlin, E.L., ⁺DelGreco, M., ⁺Guest, C., Geary, D., & ⁺Wanzer, C. (preparing for submission). Exploring associations among shared social identity, supportive communication, language use, and physiological stress during conversations about LGBTQ+ individuals' hate speech experiences. Status: Manuscript complete; making final edits before submission.

Crowley, J. P., **Denes, A.**, ⁺Whitt, J., & ⁺Makos, S. (preparing for submission). Heartsick: Associations between forgiveness and the Epstein Barr virus for recipients of relational transgressions. Status: Manuscript complete; making final edits before submission.

⁺Dhillon, A., & **Denes, A.** (preparing for submission). Exploring the associations among testosterone, relational uncertainty, and (non)accommodation during college couples' stressful conversations. Status: Manuscript complete; making final edits before submission.

⁺Allred, R. J., Buck, R. W., **Denes, A.**, Christensen, J. L., & Rohner, R. P. (preparing for submission). Phubbing, rejection sensitivity, and interpersonal communication:

Examining the effects of phone usage on relationship satisfaction. Status: Manuscript complete; making final edits before submission.

Maxwell, J.A., ⁺Harrington, A., **Denes, A.**, Lehmillier, J., Muise, A., & Impett, E. A. (preparing for submission). Sexuality in relationships: Highlights and oversights from 20 years of research. Status: Manuscript complete; making final edits before submission.

Denes, A., ⁺Webber, K. T., ⁺Tucker, R.V., ⁺Gunning, J., ⁺Caba, A., ⁺Jones Herbert, M.M., & Lefkowitz, E. (in progress). LGBTIQ+ students' identity gaps during semesters and academic breaks: Exploring links to social connection, stigma, and activism. Status: Data collection complete; data analysis and manuscript preparation underway.

Denes, A., Crowley, J. P, Cornelius, T., Dhillon, A., ⁺Bennett, M., Stebbins, J. L., & Granger, S. W. (in progress). Evidence of fluctuations in oxytocin during a naturally occurring sexual interaction in the home environment. Status: Data collection complete; data analysis and manuscript preparation underway.

Denes, A. (in progress). Theorizing from the niche: Employing research on sexual communication to advance a critical biosocial communication framework. Status: Preparing manuscript.

Projects In Progress

Denes, A., Bellizzi, K., ⁺Farina, R., ⁺Tucker, R.V., & ⁺Gunning, J. (in progress). Exploring the role of communication in promoting well-being for individuals with cancer and their partners. Status: Data collection underway.

Denes, A., Bellizzi, K., & ⁺Guest, C. (in progress). How do couples facing a terminal cancer diagnosis negotiate and communicate about sexuality? Status: Data collection underway.

Hintz, E.A., ⁺Tucker, R.V., ⁺Gunning, J., & **Denes, A.** (in progress). Improving communication about sexual dysfunction through strategic disclosures to sexual partners. Status: Beginning data collection spring/summer 2023.

GRANTS

Received-In Progress

Out with cancer: Understanding LGBTIQ+ people with cancer's sexual and relational well-being (2022-2024). College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Funding in Academic Themes, University of Connecticut. \$47,602. PI.

Exploring communication about relational and sexual cancer-related changes among LGBTIQ+ and heterosexual individuals in active treatment for a reproductive cancer in the United States and Australia (2021-2022). Research Excellence Program, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Connecticut. \$48,313.18. PI.

Couples' communication about cancer's impact on their relationship: An interdisciplinary multi-site pilot study (2022-2023). Convergence Award from the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, University of Connecticut. \$25,000. PI.

Exploring communication about cancer in LGBTIQ+ and heterosexual relationships (2021). College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grant, University of Connecticut. \$16,645. PI.

A pilot study of couples' communication about intimacy when facing a terminal cancer diagnosis (2021). Scholarship Facilitation Fund, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Connecticut. \$2,000. PI.

Received-Completed

Risk and protective factors for LGBTQ+ college students' health and well-being during semesters and academic breaks (2021). College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Research Grant, University of Connecticut. \$44,515. Co-I (PI: Lefkowitz).

Exploring the role of communication in promoting well-being for individuals with cancer and their partners (2020-2021). Host: Translational Health Research Institute at Western Sydney University, Australia. Fulbright U.S. Scholars Program, Australian Fulbright Commission, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Approx. \$13,000. PI.

Couples' communication about sexuality and intimacy when facing a terminal cancer diagnosis (2021). Grant Development Summer Stipend for New Investigators from the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, University of Connecticut. \$2,500. PI.

Exploring the effects of social isolation, relational quality, and communication on couples' physical, mental, and relational health during the COVID-19 pandemic (2020). Seed Grant from the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, University of Connecticut. \$4,999. Multi-PI (Denes, Cornelius).

Testing the moderating effects of genotypic variation on the brain mechanisms of empathy (2018). Scholarship Facilitation Fund, Office of the Vice President of Research, University of Connecticut. \$1,928. PI.

Expanding research on post sex communication to understudied populations: Investigating pillow talk in same-sex relationships and heterosexual married couples (2017-2018). Scholarship Facilitation Fund, Office of the Vice President of Research, University of Connecticut. \$1,000. PI.

Can social support mitigate the stress of weight management? Investigating physiological stress responses to couples' communication about weight loss (2017-2018). Research Excellence Program, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Connecticut. \$45,331.23. PI.

The influence of supportive messages on health recovery for LGBTQ victims of hate speech: Investigating interpersonal communication as a site for social change (2017). Research Grant from the Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society, Villanova University. \$11,527. Multi-PI (Denes, Crowley).

eCampus online course initiative grant for Comm 3450: Gender and communication (2015). University of Connecticut: eCampus. \$5,000. PI.

Department of Communication colloquium series (2015). Scholarship Facilitation Fund, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Connecticut. \$1,200. PI.

eCampus online course initiative grant for Comm 3200: Interpersonal communication (2013). University of Connecticut: eCampus. \$5,000. PI.

Pillow talk: Investigating the relationship between orgasm, communication, and oxytocin receptor polymorphisms (2011). Student Research Grant Award from The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University. \$750. PI.

Pillow talk: Exploring physiological influences on disclosures after sexual activity (2011). Student Research Grant, Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. \$1,000. PI.

The theory of altered disclosures: Testing the influence of hormonal responses on individuals' disclosure decision processes (2011). Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant Program, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). \$2,000. PI.

Beyond the divide: Using social justice theater to challenge dominant discourses, incite action, and produce theory (2011). Graduate Collaborative Research Grant, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center at UCSB. \$850. PI. Multi-PI (Denes, Speer, Thomsen).

Beyond the divide: Using social justice theater to challenge dominant discourses, incite action, and produce theory (2011). Research Grant, Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition. \$1,000. Multi-PI (Denes, Speer, Thomsen).

Center for Nanotechnology in Society-UCSB (2011). National Science Foundation Grant SES-0938099 and SES-0824042. Graduate research fellow (PI: Harthorn).

Understanding modern notions of gender and communication (2008). Teaching Assistant Instructional Grant (TAIG), Instructional Development at UCSB. \$1,400. PI.

AWARDS, HONORS, RECOGNITION, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Awards and Accolades

2023 **Top 1% in scholarly publications** (ranked #14 most productive scholar) in the field of Communication (Griffin et al., *Communication Education*, 2023)

- 2022 **Top 4 Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, International Communication Association (ICA)
- 2021 **Top 4 Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, ICA
- 2020 **Top Panel Award** (co-author), Communication & Technology Interest Group, Central States Communication Association
- 2019 **Top Paper Award**, Interpersonal Communication Interest Group, Eastern Communication Association
- 2018 **Early Career Award Recipient**, Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association (NCA)
- 2017 **Top 2 Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, NCA
- 2016 **Excellence in Teaching Award-Early Career**, American Association of University Professors, University of Connecticut (UConn) Chapter
- 2016 **Teaching Innovation Award Nominee**, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, UConn
- 2015 **Top 3 Paper**, Family Communication Division, NCA
- 2015 **Top Paper**, Theorizing Sex, Sexuality, and Sexual Identity Pre-Conference, ICA
- 2015 **Mentorship Excellence Award Nominee**, Office of Undergraduate Research, UConn
- 2014 **Outstanding Teaching and Classroom Inclusion Award**, Rainbow Center, UConn
- 2013 **Distinguished Article Award** (co-recipient), Communication and Social Cognition Division, NCA
- 2013 **Top 3 Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, ICA
- 2012 **Franklin Knower Award** (co-recipient), Interpersonal Communication Division, NCA
- 2012 **Top Graduate Student Paper Panel Participant**, Interpersonal Communication Division, NCA
- 2012 **Top Student Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, ICA
- 2011 **James J. Bradac Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research**, Communication Department, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2011 **Charlotte Stough Memorial Prize for Top Student Paper**, Feminist Studies Department, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2011 **Top 3 Paper**, LGBTQ Studies Division, NCA
- 2011 **Top Student Paper Award**, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Western Region Conference
- 2011 **Top Student Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, ICA
- 2011 **Top Student Paper Award**, Organization for Research on Women and Communication, Western States Communication Association (WSCA)
- 2010 **Top Paper**, Family Communication Division, NCA
- 2010 **Top Student Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, ICA
- 2009 **Top 2 Student Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, ICA
- 2009 **Top 2 Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division, ICA
- 2009 **Garrison Award for Top Applied Research** (co-recipient), ICA
- 2009 **Co-Curricular Activity Award for Outstanding Campus Service**, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2007 **Gail A. McGrath Award for Outstanding Communication Research**, Boston College
- 2007 **Janet Wilson James Essay Prize for Top Feminist Studies Paper**, Boston College

Recognition and Honor Societies

- 2014-2021 Recognition from the Office of the Provost for Excellence in Teaching, UConn
 2011 President's Dissertation Year Fellow, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
 2011 Graduate Research Fellow, Center for Nanotechnology in Society (CNS), UCSB
 2011 National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Seminar Participant
 2010/2007 Graduate Student Association Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination, UCSB
 2010 Nominated for Thesis of the Year Award, Interpersonal Division, ICA
 2007 Phi Beta Kappa, Boston College Chapter
 2007 Scholar of the College, Boston College
 2006 Boston College Dean's Scholar, Boston College
 2006 Cross and Crown Honor Society, Boston College
 2005 Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society, Boston College
 2005 Golden Key International Honor Society, Boston College

Professional Development

- 2022 National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Faculty Success Program; with support from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, UConn
 2019 Using LockDown Browser & Monitor for Online Tests, Educational Technology, UConn
 2019 Flip, Blend, and Flend Alternative Instructional Approaches Seminar, eCampus, UConn
 2019 Create Videos for Your Class, eCampus, UConn
 2017 InCHIP Grant Writing Bootcamp, UConn
 2015 Exploring Online Learning: Course Participant and Recipient of Certificate of Completion, UConn
 2015 Dyadic Data Analysis Workshop, Data Analysis Training Institute of Connecticut, UConn
 2015 Media Training Workshop, UConn
 2015 Rainbow Center Husky Ally Safe Zone Workshop, UConn
 2014 Grantsmanship Training Workshop, CHIP, UConn
 2014 Structural Equation Modeling Workshop, Data Analysis Training Institute of Connecticut, UConn
 2013 iClicker Workshop, Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL), UConn
 2013 eCampus Preparing for Online Teaching Seminar Attendee, UConn
 2012 New Faculty Grant Workshop, Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), UConn

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (94)

(* signifies a top paper)

Ellis, J., Aguirre, J., Denes, A., & Cornelius, T. (2023, March). *The association of concerns about one's own health and the health of loved ones with loneliness in cohabitating couples during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Poster to be presented at the 80th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, San Juan, PR.

Denes, A., Cornelius, T., Guest, C., Webber, K. T., & Gorin, A. A. (2022). *Sexuality and mental health during the pandemic: Associations among couples' COVID-19 anxiety, sexual*

communication, and sexual satisfaction. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans, LA.

Guest, C., Denes, A., Webber, K. T., Gorin, A. A., & Cornelius, T. (2022, November). *Phone or affection?: Assessing dyadic perceptions of partner phubbing, affection deprivation, and relationship satisfaction.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans, LA.

*Crowley, J. P., Denes, A., Bleakly, A., Webber, K. T., Geary, D., DelGreco, M., Whitt, J., Guest, C., & Hamlin, E. (2022, May). *The longitudinal influence of supportive messages on stress reactivity, forgiveness, and general well-being for LGBTQ+ recipients of hate speech: Comparing the effects of verbal person-centered and autonomy support.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Paris, France. **Top Four Paper Panel—Interpersonal Communication Division.**

Allred, R.J., Buck, R.W., Denes, A., Christensen, J.L., & Rohner, R.P (2022, May). *Phubbing, rejection sensitivity, and interpersonal communication: Examining the effects of phone usage on relationship satisfaction.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Paris, France.

Winkler, K.L., & Denes, A. (2022, May). *Emerging adult sexual health communication: A test of the theory of motivated information management.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Paris, France.

Guest, C., & Denes, A. (2022, May). *Navigating relational escalation: Exploring the associations among dialectical tensions, relationship stages, and attachment.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Paris, France.

Perreault, G., Pearce, K. E., Bowman, N. D., Oeldorf-Hirsch, A., Kranstuber Horstman, H., Kingsley Westerman, C., Freiling, I., Dubois, E., Kaur, S., Dorrance Hall, E., Denes, A., Baykurt, B., Wirz, D. S., Bowe, B. J., Henrichsen, J., Friedlander, J., & Goodwin, C. (2022, May). *The Fulbright experience in communication.* Blue Sky Panel presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Paris, France.

Derby, L., Denes, A., & Cornelius, T. (2022, April). *Partner presence as a predictor for improved physical activity among distressed individuals.* Poster presented at the 43rd Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions in Baltimore, MD.

Denes, A., Cornelius, T., Webber, K.T., Guest, C., Ellis, J.A., & Gorin, A.A. (2021, November). *Living in isolation, together: A test of the theory of resilience and relational load.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Seattle, WA.

Denes, A., McGloin, R., Hamlin, E., Speer, A.C., Coletti, A., & Guest, C. (2021, November). *Promoting peer connection in online courses: Exploring the effect of media richness on*

- presence and social connection*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- Crowley, J. P., Denes, A., Whitt, J., & Makos, S. (2021, November). *Heartsick: Investigating the association between forgiveness and health among victims of relational transgressions* (updated version with new data). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- Guest, C., & Denes, A. (2021, November). *Too much too soon?: Perceived appropriateness of sexting across stages of relationship development and attachment type*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- McGloin, R., Coletti, A., Hamlin, E., & Denes, A. (2021, November). *Required to work from home: Examining transitions to digital communication channels during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- *Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., Dhillon, A., Bennett, M., Stebbins, J.L., & Granger, S.W. (2021, May). *Exploring the role of oxytocin in communication processes: A test of the post sex disclosures model*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association (virtual). **Top Four Paper Panel—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- Denes, A., Cornelius, T., Gorin, A., Webber, K., & Guest, C. (2020, November). *Exploring the effects of social isolation, relational quality, and communication on couples' physical, mental, and relational health during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association (virtual).
- Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., Gibson, L.P., & Hamlin, E. (2020, November). *Mother-son communication about sex: Exploring its associations with emerging adult sons' sexual self-concept, sexual satisfaction, and relationship satisfaction*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association (virtual).
- Denes, A., McGloin, R., Hamlin, E., Coletti, A., & Speer, A. (2020, November). *Maximizing your scholarly productivity: A how-to workshop on integrating social science research into your online course*. Paper presented at the Accelerate meeting of the Online Learning Consortium (virtual).
- McGloin, R., Denes, A., Speer, A., Coletti, A., & Hamlin, E. (2020, November). *Building memorable online relationships (MORE) in virtual environments: How can we do MORE?* Paper presented at the Accelerate meeting of the Online Learning Consortium (virtual).
- Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., Ponivas, A., Cornelius, T., Allred, R., Gettens, K., Powers, T., & Gorin, A. (2020, May). *Evidence of the associations between individual and partner autonomy support and physiological stress in the context of conversations about weight among couples who are overweight or obese during a 6-month intervention*. Paper

presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association (virtual).

*Guest, C., & Denes, A. (April, 2020). *Too much too soon?: Perceived appropriateness of sexting across stages of relational development*. Part of the panel, *Pushing past normative sexual communication research: A paper panel to demonstrate breakthroughs in mediated sexual communication*. Selected for presentation at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Chicago, IL (conference cancelled). **Top Panel—Communication & Technology Interest Group.**

Denes, A., & McGloin, R. (2019, November). *Who's afraid of the big bad telephone? Promoting peer connection in online courses through student-to-student voice-based assignments*. Paper presented at the annual Accelerate meeting of the Online Learning Consortium in Orlando, Florida.

Dhillon, A., & Denes, A. (2019, November). *Exploring the effects of testosterone and romantic partners' perceptions of accommodation during conflict on relational uncertainty*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Baltimore, Maryland.

Crowley, J. P., Denes, A., Whitt, J., & Makos, S. (2019, November). *Heartsick: Associations between forgiveness and the Epstein Barr virus for recipients of relational transgressions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Baltimore, Maryland.

DelGreco, M., & Denes, A. (2019, November). *You're not as cute as you think you are: Emotional responses to expectancy violations in heterosexual online dating interactions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Baltimore, Maryland.

*Denes, A., Dillow, M.R., DelGreco, M., Lannutti, P.J., & Bevan, J. (2019, April). *Forgive and forget?: Examining the influence of blame and intentionality on forgiveness following same-sex infidelity in heterosexual romantic relationships*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association in Providence, RI. **Top Paper—Interpersonal Communication Interest Group.**

Denes, A., Horan, S.M., & Bennett, M. (2018, November). *"Faking it" as deceptive affection: Exploring the authenticity of orgasm and relational quality indicators*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dillow, M.R., Denes, A., Bevan, J., DelGreco, M., & Lannutti, P.J. (2018, November). *The blame game: Investigating blame and intentionality perceptions following a romantic partner's differently-motivated same-sex infidelity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Lannutti, P.J., Bevan, J., Denes, A., & Dillow, M.R., (2018, July). *Men's communicative and relational responses to a female partner's same-sex infidelity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research in Fort Collins, Colorado.
- Denes, A., Crowley, J.P, Winkler, K.L., Ponivas, A., Dhillon, A., & Bennett, M. (2018, May). *Exploring the effect of pillow talk on physiological stress responses to couples' difficult conversations*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Denes, A., Dillow, M.R., Lannutti, P.J., & Bevan, J. (2018, May). *Acceptable experimentation?: Investigating women's communicative, relational, and transgression-related responses to a male partner's same-sex infidelity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Crowley, J. P., Burke, T. J., Denes, A., Allred, R. J., & Carberry, E. (2018, May). *Navigating relational turbulence in the wake of weight loss transitions: A support marshaling analysis*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Denes, A., Crowley, J.P, Bennett, M., Dhillon, A., Ponivas, A., & Winkler, K.L. (2018, February). *Do genetics interact with pillow talk to influence relational outcomes? Investigating the role of the oxytocin receptor gene in the post-sex communication process*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association in Santa Clara, California.
- *Dhillon, A., Denes, A., Crowley, J.P, Ponivas, A., Winkler, K.L., & Bennett, M. (2017, November). *Does physiology influence accommodation and satisfaction during conflict?: Exploring the role of testosterone in couples' conflict conversations*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Dallas, TX. **Top 2 Paper—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- Denes, A, Crowley, J.P., Winkler, K.L, Ponivas, A., Bennett, M., & Dhillon, A., (2017, November). *Exploring links between conflict, cortisol, and salivary alpha-amylase: A pillow talk experiment*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Dallas, TX.
- Crowley, J.P, Denes, A., Ponivas, A., Makos, S., & Whitt, J. (2017, November). *Forgiveness through writing: Exploring the effects of narrative completeness, emotional expression, and physiology on forgiveness*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Dallas, TX.
- Bennett, M., LoPresti, B., McGloin, R., & Denes, A. (2017, November). *Does pornography influence the link between affectionate communication and positive relational outcomes? Considering the influence of pornography and associated guilt on sexual desire and*

relationship satisfaction in college students' romantic relationships. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Dallas, TX.

Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., & Bennett, M. (2017, November). *Communication between the sheets: Investigating the associations among communication during sexual activity, orgasm, post sex communication, and relationship satisfaction.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in Atlanta, GA.

Bennett, M., LoPresti, B., & Denes, A. (2017, November). *Too attached to hostility: Examining the associations between attachment styles, trait hostility, hostile sexism, and pornography preferences.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in Atlanta, GA.

Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., & Bennett, M. (2017, May). *Communication between the sheets: Investigating the associations among communication during sexual activity, orgasm, post sex communication, and relationship satisfaction.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in San Diego, CA.

Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., Dhillon, A., Ponivas, A., Bennett, M., & Winkler, K.L., (2017, May). *Does increasing post sex communication influence satisfaction, distress, and conflict in relationships? A pillow talk intervention.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in San Diego, CA.

Afifi, T.D., Gangi, K., Coveleski, S., Scranton, A., Denes, A., Davis, S., Merrill, A., & Bushman, N. (2017, May). *The impact of not "fitting in" the family: Family communication patterns, identity gaps, and emerging adults' risky behaviors.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in San Diego, CA.

Denes, A., Bennett, M., & K.L. Winker (2017, February). *Exploring the benefits of affectionate communication: Implications for interpersonal acceptance and rejection.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research in New Orleans, LA.

Denes, A., Dhillon, A., & Speer, A.C. (2016, November). *Relational maintenance strategies during the post sex time interval.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Philadelphia, PA.

Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., Ponivas, A., Dhillon, A., Winkler, K.L., & Bennett, M. (2016, November). *Does pillow talk affect relationship satisfaction and physiological stress responses?: Preliminary results from the pillow talk experiment.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Philadelphia, PA.

Crowley, J. P., Denes, A., Makos, S., & Whitt, J. (2016, November). *Threats to courtship and the physiological response: Testing associations between testosterone, relational uncertainty, and disclosure for dating partner recipients of relational transgressions.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Philadelphia, PA.

- Crowley, J. P., Denes, A., Makos, S., & Whitt, J. (2016, May). *Expressive writing to cope with relational transgressions: Tests of a dual-process model of expressive writing and its longitudinal effects on forgiveness communication and testosterone*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Fukuoka, Japan.
- Denes, A., Crowley, J.P., Makos, S., Whitt, J., & Graham, K. (2015, November). *Navigating relational turbulence with pillow talk: Post sex communication as a strategy for mitigating uncertainty during relational transgressions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- *Afifi, T.D., Davis, S., Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., Denes, A., & Shahnazi, A. (2015, November). *Resilience in the New Economy: Couples' communication about financial uncertainty and associations with mental health, divorce proneness, and biological stress responses*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Top 3 Paper—Family Communication Division.**
- Denes, A. (2015, June). *The state of pillow talk scholarship: New insights and future directions in post sex communication research*. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Researchers mini-conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- *Denes, A. (2015, May). *Post-sex communication research: Where we've been and where we're going*. Paper presented at the pre-conference "Theorizing Sex, Sexuality, and Sexual Identity" at annual meeting of the International Communication Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico. **Top Paper of the Pre-conference.**
- Denes, A., Afifi, T.A., & Granger, D. (2015, May). *The physiology of pillow talk: Exploring the relationship between baseline testosterone levels and communication during the post sex time interval*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- McGloin, R., Denes, A., & Kamisher, O. (2015, May). *More than meets the eyes: Examining the relationship between attractiveness, likeability and source trustworthiness in an online dating profile*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Denes, A., Speer, A.C., & Speer, R.B. (2015, May). *Beyond sex differences: Using testosterone to investigate communication during the post-coital time interval*. Paper/poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Puerto Rico.
- Denes, A. (2014, November). *Genetic and environmental influences on the disclosure decision process: Exploring variation in the oxytocin receptor gene and attachment security*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Chicago.

- Denes, A. (2014, November). *Future directions in communication about sex research: Insight from experts in the field*. Invited to be part of the panel at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Chicago.
- Denes, A., Gasiorek, J. & Giles, H. (2014, November). “*Don’t touch that dial*”: *Accommodating musical preferences in interpersonal relationships*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Chicago.
- Savelli, M., & Denes, A. (2014, November). *Disclosure and invisible illnesses: Effects on the attribution process*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Chicago.
- Denes, A., & Afifi, T.D. (2014, May). *Pillow talk and cognitive decision making processes: Exploring the role of orgasm and alcohol on communication after sexual activity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- Denes, A., Lannutti, P.J., & Bevan, J. (2014, May). *Same-sex infidelity in heterosexual relationships: Communicative responses, jealousy-related emotions, and relational outcomes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- Afifi, T.D., Davis, S., Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., & Denes, A. (2014, May). *In the wake of the Great Recession: Economic uncertainty, communication, and physiological stress responses in families*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Seattle, WA.
- Denes, A., & Afifi, T.D. (2013, November). *The role of hormones in affection and aggression*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Washington DC.
- Afifi, T.D., Afifi, W.A., Merrill, A., & Davis, S., & Denes, A. (2013, November). *Verbal rumination, need for closure and social support: Why some people verbally ruminate more than others and how support affects this process*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Washington DC.
- *Afifi, T.D., Afifi, W.A., Merrill, A., Denes, A., & Davis, A. (2013, June). “*You need to stop talking about this!*”: *Verbal rumination and the costs of social support*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in London, UK.
Top 3 Paper—Interpersonal Communication Division.
- Floyd, K., & Denes, A. (2013, June). *Attachment security and oxytocin receptor gene polymorphism interact to influence affectionate communication*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in London, UK.

- *Denes, A. (2012, November). *Disclosure decision making processes: Where have we been and where are we going?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in Orlando, FL. **Top Graduate Student Paper Panel—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- *Denes, A. (2012, May). *Exploring the relationship between hormones, risk-benefit assessments, and disclosure decisions: An initial test of the theory of altered disclosures.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Phoenix, AZ. **Top Student Paper—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- Denes, A. (2012, May). *Physiology, sex, and communication: The challenges of studying communication during and after sexual activity.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association in Phoenix, AZ as part of the panel “Doing it: Methodological challenges for sexuality research in communication.”
- Denes, A. (2012, February). *Mixed methods research in the communication discipline: Opportunities for social change.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association in Albuquerque, NM.
- Denes, A. (2012, February). *The state of disclosure: Past, present, and future directions in disclosure research.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association in Albuquerque, NM.
- Denes, A. (2011, November). *The sexual disclosures model: Linking hormonal responses from sexual activity to individuals’ disclosure decisions.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans.
- Speer, R.B., Giles, H., & Denes, A. (2011, November). *Investigating stepparent-stepchild interactions: The role of communication accommodation.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans.
- *Lannutti, P.J., & Denes, A. (2011, November). *A kiss is just a kiss?: Comparing perceptions related to female-female and female-male kissing in a college social situation.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans. **Top 3 Paper—LGBTQ Studies Division.**
- Afifi, T.D., Davis, S.M., Denes, A., & Casillas, A. (2011, November). *Analyzing divorce from cultural and network approaches: Toward a global theory of divorce (GTOD).* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association in New Orleans.
- Denes, A. (2011, November). *An initial test of the theory of altered disclosures: Exploring the risks and benefits of disclosing positive feelings for relational partners after sexual activity.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in Houston, Texas.

- Denes, A. (2011, November). *The theory of altered disclosures: Understanding communication after sexual activity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in Houston, Texas.
- Denes, A. (2011, November). *Communication and practical theory: Sites of dialogue among the academy, the arts, and the community*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Women Studies Association, Atlanta as part of the panel “Beyond the divide: Using social justice theater to challenge dominant discourses, incite action, and produce theory.”
- Denes, A., Cranfill, R., Harthorn, B.H., Whirlow, J., Shearer, C., & Hanna, S. (2011, November). *Talking nano: The importance of gender, race, and power in deliberations on the risks and benefits of nanotechnology*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Nanoscience and Emerging Technologies in Tempe, AZ.
- Denes, A. (2011, May). *Pillow talk: Exploring disclosures after sexual activity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Boston.
- *Denes, A. (2011, May). *Unintentional disclosures: Exploring how altered cognitive states influence perceptions of the risks and benefits of disclosing*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Boston. **Top Student Paper—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- *Denes, A. (2011, April). *The importance of sexual communication: Exploring conversations during and after sexual activity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Region Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, San Francisco. **Top Student Paper Award.**
- *Denes, A. (2011, February). *Communicating for sex: Problematic narratives of consent and desire in the pick-up artist community*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association, Monterey, CA. **Top Student Paper—Organization for Research on Woman and Communication.**
- Denes, A. (2010, November). *Sex and communication: Theoretical implications of oxytocin on communication in romantic relationships*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Las Vegas
- Denes, A. (2010, November). *Biology as consent: Problematizing the scientific approach to seducing women’s bodies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Women Studies Association, Denver as part of the panel “The Creative is Critical.”
- *Afifi, T.D., Granger, D., Aldeis, M.D., Joseph, A., & Denes, A. (2010, November). *The influence of divorce and parents’ communication skills on adolescents’ and young adults’ stress reactivity and recovery*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Francisco. **Top Paper—Family Communication Division.**

- Afifi, T.D., Granger, D., Denes, A., Joseph, A., & Aldeis, M.D. (2010, November). *Parents' communication skills and adolescents' salivary α -amylase and cortisol response patterns*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Francisco.
- Denes, A. (2010, June). *The sexual disclosure model: Connecting post-coital increases in oxytocin to positive relational disclosures*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Singapore.
- *Denes, A. (2010, June). *The second coming out: Communicative strategies in re-disclosures of LGBTQ individuals' sexual identity to their parents*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Singapore. **Top Student Paper—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- Denes, A., & Lannutti, P. (2009, November). *“Bisexual chic”: Examining female-female kissing in a heterosexual social context*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago.
- Denes, A., & Lannutti, P. (2009, November). *Same-sex infidelity in heterosexual relationships: Support for the evolutionary perspective*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago.
- *Denes, A. (2009, May). *Towards a model of experimentation with identity-seeking behaviors*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Chicago. **Top 2 Student Paper—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- *Afifi, T.D., Granger, D., Denes, A., Joseph, A., & Aldeis, M.D. (2009, May). *Parents' and children's cortisol and α -amylase reactance to discussion of the parents' relationship*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Chicago. **Top 2 Paper and Garrison Award Recipient—Interpersonal Communication Division.**
- Denes, A. (2009, February). *“I kissed a girl”: The growing media fascination with female-female sexual activity in heterosexual contexts and its implications for the LGBTQ community*. Paper presented at the 19th Annual “Thinking Gender” Graduate Research Conference, UCLA.
- Denes, A. (2009, February). *Quest for the holy grail: In search of the vagina on Catholic campuses*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Western States Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ.
- Denes, A. (2008, November). *The second coming out: Communicative strategies in re-disclosures of LGBTQ children's sexual orientation to their parents*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Diego.

Denes, A. (2008, May). *The rise and repercussions of bisexual chic: Examining female-female sexual activity in the heterosexual dating context*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Montreal, Canada.

TEACHING

University of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut

Advanced Interpersonal Communication
(Spring 2022)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on advanced interpersonal communication topics and theory at the undergraduate level. Review the state of the field and pressing issues in the interpersonal communication literature. Create syllabus, assignments, exams, and final project.

Average enrollment = 30.

Interpersonal Communication

(Fall 2012-2013, 2015-2017, 2019, 2020; Spring 2013-2014, 2016-2017, 2021; Summer 2013, 2014-2016, 2021; Winter 2021, 2023)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on principles and theories of interpersonal communication.

Introduce students to interpersonal communication including background on language and theories from the interpersonal literature. Create syllabus, assignments, exams, and final paper.

Average enrollment = 150 (large lecture) or 40.

Gender and Communication

(Fall 2012-2015, 2019; Spring 2013-2014, 2021; Summer 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021; Winter 2018-2020)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on the relationship between gender and communication.

Introduce students to theories of gender development, gendered communication, and gender in the media. Create syllabus, assignments, exams, and group project, and grade all student work.

Average enrollment = 40.

Interpersonal Communication—Graduate

(Fall 2014, 2016, 2017, 2021; Spring 2020)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on principles and theories of interpersonal communication at the graduate level. Introduce students to advanced topics in interpersonal communication and current trends in the field. Create syllabus, assignments, and final paper.

Average enrollment = 11.

Advanced Interpersonal Communication—Graduate

(Fall 2020, Spring 2023)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on advanced interpersonal communication topics and theory at the graduate level. Review the state of the field and pressing issues in the interpersonal communication literature. Create syllabus, assignments, and final paper.
Average enrollment = 8.

Sexual Communication—Graduate
(Fall 2018)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on theory and research on sexual communication at the graduate level. Introduce students to advanced topics in sexual communication scholarship and current trends in the field. Create syllabus, assignments, and final paper.
Average enrollment = 9.

Sex and the Campus
(Fall 2017-2018)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a first year seminar for honors students on recent research on sexual communication and sexual behavior, with a focus on issues related to sex and sexuality among college students. Create syllabus and assignments. Average enrollment = 12.

Santa Barbara City College
Santa Barbara, California

Interpersonal Communication
(Summer 2009, 2011-2012; Fall 2009-2011; Spring 2010-2012)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on principles and theories of interpersonal communication. Introduce students to interpersonal communication including background on language and theories from the interpersonal literature. Create syllabus, assignments, quizzes, and exams, and grade all student work. Average enrollment = 30.

Public Speaking
(Fall 2008; Spring 2008)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on the fundamentals of public speaking. Introduce students to the history and principles of rhetoric and provide practical skills. Create syllabus, speech assignments, quizzes, and exams, and grade all student work. Average enrollment = 30.

California State University-Channel Islands
Camarillo, California

Interpersonal Communication
(Spring 2011-2012)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on principles and theories of interpersonal communication. Introduce students to interpersonal communication including background on language and theories from the interpersonal literature. Create syllabus, assignments, quizzes, and exams, and grade all student work. Average enrollment = 30.

Public Speaking

(Spring 2011)

Instructor of Record

Responsibilities: Teach a course on the fundamentals of public speaking. Introduce students to the history and principles of rhetoric and provide practical skills. Create syllabus, speech assignments, quizzes, and exams, and grade all student work. Average enrollment = 30.

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, California

Introduction to Communication

(Fall 2007; Winter 2009)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Lead three discussion sections each week, grade papers/exams for approximately seventy students, and provide general communication overview. Average enrollment = 500.

Communication Theory

(Winter 2008, 2010)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Lead three discussion sections each week and grade papers/exams for approximately seventy students. Help students to understand major communication theories and design and implement weekly classroom exercises. Average enrollment = 280.

Communication and Peace

(Spring 2008-2010)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Assist students in creating a communication theory of peace and implementing their own peace project. Also assist professor in grading, exams, and classroom activities. Average enrollment = 150.

Communication and Gender

(Fall 2008)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Assist students in understanding the function and influence of gender in the communication realm. Help students plan out a gender "training manual," as well as grade papers, projects, and exams. Average enrollment = 80.

Family Communication

(Fall 2009-2010)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Assist students in understanding the role of communication in the family context. Assist and grade students on a paper about modern day notions of divorce and a paper analyzing the turning points in their parents' and grandparents' communication. Average enrollment = 80.

Boston College

Newton, Massachusetts

Interpersonal Communication

(Spring 2007)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Aid professor in grading and classroom duties. Average enrollment = 125.

Introduction to Feminisms

(Fall 2006)

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Lead a weekly discussion group examining feminist theory and literature. Grade weekly essays and participation. Average enrollment (per discussion group) = 10.

Learning Resources for Student Athletes

(Spring 2004-Spring 2007)

Communication Tutor

Responsibilities: Prepare weekly course outlines, exam reviews, and practice quizzes for multiple Communication Department courses. Average number of students per semester = 20.

Guest Lectures/Invited Presentations

- 2022 *Biosocial perspectives on communication in close relationships*. Invited to give talk at the Translational Health Research Institute at Western Sydney University, Australia.
- 2020 *Oxytocin and communication in close relationships* (co-presenter with Dr. John Crowley). Invited to give online presentation and brown bag to the Institute for Interdisciplinary Salivary Bioscience Research at the University of California, Irvine.
- 2020 *Do MoRE: Office hours to discuss student-to-student relationship building online* (co-presenter with Dr. Rory McGloin). Online presentation/session for teaching in virtual environments, hosted in collaboration with University of Connecticut eCampus.
- 2019 *The science of pillow talk: Exploring the associations among post sex communication, biology, and relational well-being*. Invited to give a colloquium at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
- 2018 *Exploring the benefits of affectionate communication: Implications for interpersonal acceptance-rejection theory*. Invited to give a plenary talk at the 7th International Congress on Interpersonal Acceptance & Rejection in Athens, Greece.
- 2017 *Our methodological legacy and relevance: Issues and advancements in interpersonal communication research*. Invited to be part of panel for the Interpersonal Communication Division at the National Communication Annual meeting in Dallas, TX.
- 2017 *Exploring the many uses of pillow talk in romantic relationships: Post sex communication as a strategy for maintaining relationships and navigating relational transgressions*. Invited to give a colloquium as part of the Rohner Center Faculty Affiliates Lecture Series at the University of Connecticut.
- 2016 *Gender communication & social diversity, 3-Part Seminar*. Invited to present a 3-part seminar to the Emerging Leaders Society of the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut.
- 2015 *Designing, developing, and teaching an online course: Faculty open panel discussion*. Panel participant for seminar hosted by University of Connecticut eCampus.

- 2013 *Communication and the body: Exploring the relationship between disclosure and physiology*. Invited to give a colloquium to the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences at Pennsylvania State University.
- 2013 *She said, he said*. Invited to present a one-day course for the University of Connecticut Life Long Learning Program.
- 2011 *Pillow talk: Exploring disclosures after sexual activity*. Invited to present in Communication and Biology Course, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2010 *Parents' communication skills and adolescents' salivary α -amylase and cortisol response patterns*. Presented at Communication Department Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2010 Invited panel participant for Graduate School Panel presented by Lambda Pi Eta. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2010 Invited panel participant for Graduate School Panel for Regent Scholars presented by Phi Beta Kappa graduate students. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2009 Invited panel participant for Graduate School Panel presented by Lambda Pi Eta. University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2009 *What I wish I knew my first year*. Invited panel participant for Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2009 *Toward a theory of experimentation with stigmatized identities*. Presented at Communication Department Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- 2009 *Thinking about graduate school? Incorporating LGBTQ studies into life after undergrad*. Presented at the Western Regional LGBTQ Student Conference.

Advising

PhD Major Advisor (Current):

Jacqueline Gunning
Rachel Tucker

PhD Major Advisor (Completed):

Margaret Bennett (Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University)
Maria DelGreco (Health Communication Research and Strategy Team, Fors Marsh Group)
Anuraj Dhillon (Assistant Professor, California Polytechnic State University)
Chelsea Guest (Consumer Research Analyst, JOANN Stores)
Ambyre Ponivas (Assistant Professor, Young Harris College)
Kara (Kehoe) Winkler (Assistant Professor, University of Houston-Downtown)

PhD Associate Advisor (Current):

Lauren Aiken-Smith (Widener University)
Benjamin Compton (University of Washington)
Brett Graham
Emily Hamlin
Katrina Webber
Brett Williams

PhD Associate Advisor (Completed):

Ryan Allred (Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh)
 Linda Dam (Assistant Professor, California State University-Dominguez Hills)
 Deya Roy (Lecturer, California State University-San Marcos)
 Melanie Savelli (Assistant Professor, Southern Connecticut State University)
 Erin Waggoner (Assistant Professor, Longwood University)

MA Major Advisor (Current):

Kelly Grant
 Eli Quay

MA Major Advisor (Completed):

Jamel Catoe
 Amanda White

MA Associate Advisor (Completed):

Margaret Rose

Dissertation Reader/Reviewer for PhD Students:

Christopher Clemens
 Kyle Hull
 Theresa MacNeil
 Adam Rainear
 Alyce Veins
 Yi (Jasmine) Wang
 Katherine Weeks

Advisor for approximately 30 undergraduate students per year

Mentor for Undergraduate Research Assistants for various projects from 2013-2023 (over 20 total)

Advisor/Mentor for Undergraduate Thesis for Amanda White and Laurel Gibson

Advisor for Individualized/Independent Major Students Christine Becker and Hannah Reilly

SERVICE

Departmental Service

Department of Communication Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, University of Connecticut (UConn)

2020-2022

- Chair (2020-2021)
- Assess, discuss, and implement initiatives aimed at promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in the department.

- Work with faculty to develop the department statement of commitment to equity and inclusion.

Department of Communication Director of Graduate Studies, UConn

2015-2018 (duties according to department bylaws)

- Chair the Graduate Committee.
- Chair the Graduate Admissions Committee.
- Respond to applicant inquiries about the graduate program.
- Monitor student progress towards their degrees.
- Act as Chair of the Doctoral Student General Exams and the Master's Student Comprehensive Exams Committees, overseeing organization and administration of the exams.
- Oversee the evaluation process and the distribution of Fellowship Funds following procedures and principles approved by the faculty and shared with the faculty and students.
- Oversee and organize the COMM 6800 presentations.
- Oversee the faculty evaluation of graduate student performance each December and May.
- Conduct an exit survey of graduating students and assist in the undergraduate program assessment.
- Shepherd new or modified graduate courses through the CLAS Courses and Curriculum Committee and Senate committee processes as necessary with the Department representatives to these committees as appropriate, and review appropriate Graduate Catalog updates.
- Serve on the scheduling committee to review the graduate schedule.
- Assist the Department Head and faculty in organizing and implementing the graduate student orientation program in August.
- Work with the Graduate School and Graduate Faculty Council representative on issues pertaining to graduate student issues as appropriate.
- Prepare and present an annual report to the faculty reviewing the graduate program at the end of the academic year.

Department of Communication Graduate Studies Committee, UConn

2012-present

- Chair (2015-2018)
- Discuss and monitor graduate student concerns and program policies.

Department of Communication Graduate Admissions Committee, UConn

2012-2021

- Chair (2015-2018)
- Review all submitted applications for graduate study.
- Follow-up with potential advisees.
- Organize recruitment weekend.

Department of Communication Promotion, Tenure, and Review Committee, UConn

2017-2021

- Assess the files of faculty up for promotion, tenure, and review.

- Prepare committee assessment letters.

Department of Communication Scheduling Committee, UConn

2015-2018

- Committee consists of department head, director of undergraduate studies, and director of graduate studies.
- Plan and coordinate all course scheduling and graduate student teaching assignments for the department.

Department of Communication Speaker Series Committee, UConn

2013-present

- Chair (2014-2015)
- Generate list of potential speakers to bring to campus, look for funding opportunities, compile faculty recommendations, contact speakers.

Department of Communication Search Committee, UConn

2014-2016 (Head Search), 2020-2021 (Health Inequities Search)

- Help in the search process.
- Review all applications.
- Conduct interviews with candidates.

Department of Communication Merit Review Committee, UConn

2013-2015

- Chair (2014-2015)
- Review the merit claims of faculty members.
- Check merit files with specific faculty members.

Department of Communication, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

2008-2012 Department of Communication Recruitment Weekend Assistant

2008-2011 Department of Communication “Big Buddy” Mentoring Program

2008-2009 Department of Communication 25th Anniversary Volunteer

2008-2009 Department of Communication Holiday Drive and Jesusita Fire Drive Volunteer

University Service

Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR), Internal Competitions Advisory Board

2023 Board Member

- Provide guidance and reviewing for internal funding competitions like the Research Excellence Program and for limited submission internal competitions.

Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP), Internal Advisory Board

2023 Board Member

- Offer feedback and assessment to help guide InCHIP’s programming, investments, and areas for development.

Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, UConn

2022 Proposal Reviewer

- Review funding proposals for the InCHIP Seed Grant Competition and the Witzel Award.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, UConn

2019-2020 Strategic Planning Committee Data Collection Committee

- Goal of the committee is to gather the information needed to assess the current state of the College and determine the gap that exists between where we are now and our vision for five years from now. This work will gather both quantitative and qualitative data needed to both understand our current situation and serve as potential baselines for evaluating success.

Graduate Faculty Council, UConn

2017-2020 Department of Communication Representative (elected position)

- The Graduate Faculty Council is the legislative body of the Graduate School. It establishes academic policy for graduate education, except for those areas reserved to the Board of Trustees, to the University Senate, or to the faculties of other colleges and schools. The 60 members, representing specific content areas derived from constituent Fields of Study, are elected to serve three-year terms. The membership includes two voting student members chosen by the Graduate Student Senate. The President, the Provost, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, and certain other administrative officers of the Graduate School are nonvoting ex officio members. The Council, representing the Graduate Faculty at large, exercises legislative authority in such areas as admissions criteria, curricular and degree requirements, new course approval, academic program review, and the like.

Office of the Vice President for Research, Research Excellence Program- UConn Health, UConn

2016 Proposal Reviewer

- Review seed funding proposals for the Research Excellence Program at UConn Health.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Director of Graduate Studies Association, UConn

2015-2018 Department of Communication Representative

- Meet with the Directors of Graduate Studies from departments across the university to discuss issues related to graduate education.

Grade Appeal Panel, UConn

2013-2014 Faculty Representative

- Review grade appeal case; discuss file with other faculty on the panel and make a recommendation regarding the appeal.

Institutional Review Board (Human Subjects), UCSB

2008-2012 Graduate Student Representative

- Meet each month to review protocols for human subjects research.

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, UCSB

2008-2012 Graduate Student Representative

- Meet several times a year to address issues related to women on campus and represent

graduate student women.

Phi Beta Kappa, UCSB Chapter

2007-2011 Graduate Student Representative

- Review undergraduate files; meet with committee to decide on membership offers.

Women's Center, UCSB

2010 First Annual Women's Center Graduate Student Symposium Volunteer

- Help organize a symposium of graduate student research related to issues of gender and sexuality.

Graduate Student Support Network, UCSB

2008-2009 Women's Center Graduate Representative

- Meet several times a year to discuss graduate student needs and ways to better serve the graduate community.

Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, UCSB

2007-2009 Graduate Student Intern

- Plan events for the LGBTQ graduate community including colloquia, social events, and professional development panels.

Service to the Field

Executive Council of the Western States Communication Association

2021-present Council Member

- Assist with all business related to the Western States Communication Association.

Publications Committee of the Western States Communication Association

2021-present Committee Member

- Address issues relevant to the publication of the association's journals and newsletter.

Mark L. Knapp Award in Interpersonal Communication Committee of the National Communication Association

2019 Award Committee Member, 2020 Committee Chair

- Disseminate award nomination call; review, evaluate, deliberate, and select an award winner.

Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association

2020 Early Career Award Committee Member

- Review applications for the division's annual early career award.

Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association

2016 Dissertation Award Reviewer

- Review applications for the division's annual dissertation award.

Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association

2012-2015 Secretary

- Maintain, distribute, and obtain Division approval of minutes for Division business meetings; assist the chairperson in administering business meetings; serve as a paper evaluator for Division conference programs; and participate with the Chairperson in evaluating the quality of Division programs.

Interpersonal Communication Division of the National Communication Association

2013-2015 Chair and Member of Nominating Committee

- Oversee and organize annual elections for the Interpersonal Communication Division. This includes contacting and nominating candidates, constructing the ballot, overseeing the election at the annual meeting, and tallying and reporting votes.

Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association

2011-2015 Webmaster for Division Website

- Design and implement new website for the Interpersonal Communication Division.

26th Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research Symposium

2014 Discussant for panel “Theory and Research on Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection”

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

2011-2012 Board of Directors, Student Representative

- Represent student members in all board related activities, including conference planning and voting.

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

2010-2012 Student Involvement Co-Chair

- Organize panels, mentoring events, & social activities for student members of the society.

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

2011-2012 Membership Committee

- Work with committee to plan initiatives to increase society membership.

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Western Region

2010-2012 Student Activities Coordinator

- Organize panels, mentoring events, and social activities for students at the regional meeting.

Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association

2010-2011 Chair of Ad Hoc Committee on the Use of the Virtual Overlay Conference

- In charge of organizing and implementing a plan for the use of the virtual overlay space.

Editorial and Reviewer Service

Communication Reports

2021-present Editor

U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation

2021 Expert Proposal Reviewer

Flinders University (Adelaide, Australia)

2021 EdD Thesis/Dissertation Examiner

Personal Relationships

2018-2020 Associate Editor

2017-2020 Editorial Board Member

2015 Ad Hoc Reviewer

Communication Monographs

2019-present Editorial Board Member

2013-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Women's Studies in Communication

2019-present Editorial Board Member

Iowa Journal of Communication

2015-present Editorial Board Member

2015 Ad Hoc Reviewer

Communication Quarterly

2014-present Editorial Board Member

Western Journal of Communication

2013-2017 Editorial Board Member

2012 Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journal of Language and Social Psychology

2017-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Communication Research Reports

2016-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Human Communication Research

2016-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Sociological Forum

2015-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Communication Studies

2015-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journal of Bisexuality

2014-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Sexual and Relationship Therapy

2013-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journal of GLBT Family Studies

2013-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Communication Theory

2010 Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journal of Social and Personal Relationships

2009-present Ad Hoc Reviewer

Community Service

Emerging Leaders Society of the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut
2017

- Present seminar on public speaking skills.

Emerging Leaders Society of the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut
2016

- Present a 3-part seminar on gender communication and social diversity.

Boston College Alumni Chapter of Hartford, CT

2013-2015 Alumni Leadership Council

- Plan and organize service and social events for alumni in the Hartford, CT area.

University of Connecticut Life Long Learning Program

2013

- Present a one day course on gender and communication.

Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, CA

2010-2011 “Jane” Production and Research Team

- Produce play to commemorate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Association for Relationship Research

International Communication Association

National Communication Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

Western States Communication Association