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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Communication), University of California, Santa Barbara, 2023 (expected)
Subfield: Interpersonal & Family Communication, Nonverbal Interaction

Master of Arts (Communication), San Diego State University, 2019
Advisor: Dr. Colter Ray; Committee: Dr. Brian Spitzberg, Dr. Sesen Negash
Thesis Title: The Influence of Interpersonal Patterns of Forgiveness on Relational Resilience

Bachelor of Arts (Communication & Political Science), California Lutheran University, 2016
Honors: *magna cum laude*, departmental honors in Communication and Political Science
Activities: Festival of Scholars (Presenter, 2014 – 2016), Presidential Host (2013 – 2016)
Semester Abroad: **University of Oxford**, Oxford, England (September – December 2014)

Thesis Title (Communication): The Impact of Student-Faculty Interaction Outside the Classroom and Communication Apprehension's Effect on Student Participation Inside the Classroom (advisor: Dr. Monica Gracyalny)

RESEARCH & WRITING

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant August 2019 – Present
Supervisor: Dr. Tamara Afifi
Topic: Testing the feasibility of Rendeever with older adults with cognitive impairments and their adult children. Grant Number: 1R41AG063640-01A1
Research assistant on grant funded by the National Institute on Aging.

Graduate Research Assistant May 2018 – February 2019
Supervisor: Dr. Brian Spitzberg
Topic: A Comprehensive Assessment of the Communication Program at SDSU
Research assistant on institutionally funded research grant.

Graduate Research Assistant January 2019 – May 2019
Supervisor: Dr. Colter Ray
Topic: San Diego State University's Human Communication Laboratory

GRADUATE WRITING

Advancing Interpersonal Deception Theory: An Empirical Study to Address the Levine–Burgoon Rejoinders.

Talking About “the Ex”: Biosocial Outcomes of Communicating About Past Partners with Current Partners.

Dimensions of Silence: Complicating Notions of Silence and Agency in a Carmelite Monastery.

UNDERGRADUATE WRITING

Siloed Knowledge: A Critical Analysis of Academic Disciplines through Interdisciplinary Doctoral Programs.

The Impact of Student-Faculty Interaction Outside the Classroom and Communication Apprehension’s Effect on Student Participation Inside the Classroom.

Debates in Political Scholarship: Toward a Curricular Revision of Political Science.

PUBLICATIONS

Appelman, A., Hettinga, K., **Otmar, C.**, Posada, A., & Thompson, A. (2018). Comparing and contrasting corrected errors at four newspapers. *Newspaper Research Journal*, 39, 155-168.

Ray, C. D., Floyd, K., Tietsort, C., Veluscek, A. M., **Otmar, C. D.**, Hashi, E. C., & Fisher, R. (in press). Mixed messages: I. The consequences of communicating negative statements within emotional support messages to cancer patients. *Journal of Patient Experience*.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Otmar, C. D., Ray, C. D., Spitzberg, B. H., & Negash, S. (2020, February). *The influence of interpersonal patterns of forgiveness on relational resilience*. Paper under review for the annual meeting of the Western Communication Association, Denver, CO.

Spitzberg, B. H., **Otmar, C. D.**, & Canary, H. E. (2020, February). *Integrating assessment across communication*. Paper under review for the annual meeting of the Western Communication Association, Denver, CO.

Otmar, C. D. (2019, November). *Toward a model of relational transgression dissolution*. Paper accepted for presentation at the National Communication Association, Baltimore, MD.

Otmar, C. D. (2019, February). *Knowledge of the larger interactive system: A revival of systems thinking in interpersonal communication theory*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Communication Association, Seattle, WA.

Ray, C. D., Floyd, K., Tietsort, C. J., Veluscek, A. M., Hashi, E. C., **Otmar, C. D.**, & Fisher, R. (2019, February). *Brief negative statements occurring within longer support messages result in lower message effectiveness and supporter competence ratings*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Communication Association, Seattle, WA.

- Otmar, C. D.** (2019, January). *Disciplinary organization and intellectual history in the public speaking classroom*. Presented as the “Thought of the Day” at the Communication 103 Spring 2019 Orientation, San Diego, CA.
- Otmar, C. D.** (2018, November). *Adaption as a hindrance to thriving: Theoretical explorations into the dark side of resilience*. Paper presented at the “NCA Resilience Preconference” at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Otmar, C. D., Nabavi-Noori, A., Linnell, J.** (2018, April). *The exigency of an unobtrusive tool in nonverbal research: An initial proposal of the Nonverbal SourceApp*. Paper presented on the panel “Studies in Interpersonal Communication” at the annual meeting of the Southwest Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ.
- Otmar, C. D.** (2018, April). *Using the persuasive speech to understand scholarly conversations*. Paper presented on the panel “Great Ideas for Teaching Speech” at the annual meeting of the Southwest Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ.
- Otmar, C. D.** (2016, May). *The impact of student-faculty interaction outside the classroom and communication apprehension’s effect on student participation inside the classroom*. Paper presented at the “Social and Behavioral Sciences Showcase” at the annual Festival of Scholars, Thousand Oaks, CA.
- Otmar, C. D.** (2015, April). *A critical analysis of academic disciplines through interdisciplinary doctoral programs*. Paper presented on the panel “Political Science Perspectives on Global Citizenship and Civic Engagement” at the annual Festival of Scholars, Thousand Oaks, CA.

TEACHING

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

COMM 89: Theories of Communication

Teaching Assistant

Semesters Taught: Fall 2019

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

COMM 103: Introduction to Oral Communication

Instructor of Record

Semesters Taught: Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

COMM 103: Well-Being & Health University Seminar (Oral Communication)

Instructor of Record

Semesters Taught: Fall 2018

COMM 350: Communication Research Methods

Teaching Assistant

Semesters Taught: Fall 2017

COMM 415: Nonverbal Communication*Teaching Assistant*

Semesters Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Guest Lecture: Intimacy & Nonverbal Interaction, November 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SAGE Publishing, Thousand Oaks, CA

June 2016 – July 2017

Sales Assistant

- Developed and maintained all client engagement systems for the sales team.
- Reported and analyzed professional learning and book sales for domestic territories.
- Conducted extensive research on state procurement departments and interacted with department officials.
- Coordinated and participated in professional development institutes (Ventura C.O.E., Whittier, Seattle).

SAGE Publishing, Thousand Oaks, CA

April 2014 – June 2016

Editorial Intern

- Trained intern and entry-level editorial staff on company systems and academic publishing processes.
- Managed legal permissions for manuscripts and coordinated with authors until publication.
- Reviewed proofs and communicated necessary changes to Associate Editors and the Production Team.
- Worked under strict deadlines to assemble reviews for proposals and summarized for Associate Editors.

United States Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

September – December 2015

Intern, Office of Postsecondary Education

- Reviewed and advised plans for future management of the Endowment Challenge Grants (Title III, Part C).
- Assisted in organizing the 2015 National Blue-Ribbon Schools Recognition Ceremony.
- Developed student recommendation packets for minority-serving institutions.
- Researched assessment and degree profiles for the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs.

California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA

August 2013 – May 2015

Communication Department Assistant

- Held daily office hours for students in need of support in Communication coursework.
- Provided research assistance to Department professors, such as preparing a peer-institution report for Chair.
- Communicated and served as a liaison between Department and alumni.
- Planned and organized Department events, such as transfer workshops.

CHISPA Housing, Inc., Monterey, CA

May – August 2013

Communication Intern

- Contacted, interviewed, and wrote features on the CHISPA Scholarship Recipients.
- Participated on the CHISPA Communication Board, which provided outreach to Monterey County residents.
- Created and managed 2012 and 2013 spending reports in Microsoft Excel.
- Assisted in administrative tasks and duties.

ORGANIZATIONS

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| International Association of Relationship Research | 2018 – Present |
| Lambda Pi Eta | 2016 – Present |
| National Communication Association | 2018 – Present |
| Western States Communication Association | 2017 – Present |

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Computer: SPSS, Qualtrics, Survey Monkey, CIS.PUB, Microsoft Office Suite, Salesforce.

Interests: Dark side of communication, interpersonal synchrony, dyadic data analysis, conflict communication, systems science, quantitative methods, metatheory.