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Educational History

Ph.D. May, 1996 (University of Arizona); Judee Burgoon, director.
M.A. August, 1992 (University of Arizona); Judee Burgoon, director.
B.A. May, 1990 (University of Iowa); John Lyne, Honors director

Academic Appointments

2016-present Professor, University of California (Santa Barbara)
2014-2016 Professor (courtesy appointment), College of Nursing, University of Iowa
2013-2016 Professor, Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa
2009-2013 Professor, University of California (Santa Barbara)
2011, Spring Visiting Professor, Kent State University
2010, Spring Visiting Professor, American University of Beirut
2006-2013 Affiliate, Center for Middle East Studies
2006-2009 Associate Professor, University of California (Santa Barbara)
2003-2006 Associate Professor, Pennsylvania State University (University Park)
1998-2002 Assistant Professor, Pennsylvania State University (University Park)
1996-1998 Assistant Professor, University of Delaware
Fall, 1995 Instructor, University of Delaware

Administrative Positions

2018-present Director, Center for Middle East Studies, University of California (Santa Barbara)
2013-2016 Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Iowa
2011-2013 Chair, Undergraduate program, Middle East Studies, University of California (Santa Barbara)
2008-2010 Graduate Director, Department of Communication, University of California (Santa Barbara)
2007-2010 Vice Chair/Chair, Interpersonal Division, International Communication Association
2003-2006 Graduate Director, Department of Communication Arts & Sciences, Pennsylvania State University
2003-2005 Vice Chair/Chair, Interpersonal Division, National Communication Association

Awards and Recognition

General Recognitions

Fellow, Academic Leadership Program, CIC (2014-15)

TED-x UCSB, April 2012 – Title: "How Uncertainty Affects Us (and Five Simple Words to Make a Change)"

UCSB Outstanding Faculty Award (2012) for “a faculty member who demonstrates leadership and support to diverse communities of gender identities, gender expressions and sexualities at UCSB.”

H. Michael Burgoon Award for Excellence, University of Arizona, 1996

Research

2011 ICA/NCA **Health Communication Distinguished Article of the Year**; Awarded for Afifi & Weiner (2004)

Dickens award for best article published in Communication Reports under the editorship of Ron Lustig (1998-2000); Awarded for Guerrero & Afifi (1998).

Dickens award for best article published in Communication Reports under the editorship of Sandra Metts (1995-1997); Awarded for Afifi & Reichert (1996).

Research Training Fellowship, Army Research Institute, University of Arizona, Spring 1995.

Top Paper Awards

Top Three paper, Family Communication Division, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, 2014. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top four paper, Communication and Technology Division, International Communication Association, Seattle, WA, 2014. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Three paper, Interpersonal Communication Division, International Communication Association, London, UK, 2013. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Three paper, Interpersonal Communication Division, International Communication Association, Boston, MA, 2011. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top paper (lead author), Health Communication Division. National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, 2004. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Four paper (co-author), Interpersonal Communication Division. National Communication Association, Chicago, IL, 2004. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Four paper (lead author), Interpersonal Communication Division. National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA, 2001. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Four paper (co-author), Interpersonal Communication Division. Western Communication Association, Sacramento, CA, 2000. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top paper (lead author), Interpersonal and Small Group Interaction Division. Speech Communication Association, San Diego, 1996. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Four paper (co-author), Interpersonal Communication Division. Speech Communication Association, Chicago, 1996. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Student paper (lead author), Interpersonal and Small Group Interaction Division. Speech Communication Association, Miami, 1993. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Four paper (co-author), Commission on Family Communication. Speech Communication Association, Miami, 1993. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Top Three paper (co-author), Health Communication division. International Communication Association annual convention, Washington D.C., 1993. See Conference Presentations for cite.

Publications

Journal Articles and Chapters

Afifi, W. A., & Cornejo, M. (in press). #CommunicationsoWEIRD: The question of interpersonal communication research relevance. In M. L. Doerfel & J. L. Gibbs (Eds), *Building Inclusiveness in Organizations, Institutions, and Communities: Communication Theory Perspectives*. Routledge.

Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., Shahnazi, A., Acejevedo Callejas, M., & White, A. (in press). The functionality of communal coping in chronic uncertainty environments: The context of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. *Health Communication*.

Fowler, C., Gasiorek, J., & Afifi, W. A. (2018). Complex considerations in couples' financial information management: Extending the theory of motivated information management. *Communication Research*, 45, 365-393.

Afifi, W. A. (2018). Motivated Information Management and Other Approaches to Information Seeking. In Parrott et al (Ed), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Health and Risk Message Design and Processing*. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228613.013.512

Scranton, A., Afifi, T., Afifi, W., & Gangi, K. (2016). Networks of passing: Experiences of undocumented Latin American immigrants' identity negotiation. *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*, 45, 449-469.

Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., Merrill, A., & Nimah, N. (2016). "Fractured communities": Uncertainty, stress, and (a lack of) communal coping in Palestinian refugee camps. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 44, 343-361.

Afifi, W. A., Gangi, K., Blascovich, J., Afifi, T., Cornick, J. E., Merrill, A., Ryan, W. & Sterling, K. (2016). Mothers' impact on daughters' cardiovascular reactivity in a high-threat context: An immersive virtual environment study. *Human Communication Research*, 42, 371-395.

Afifi, W. A. (2015). Theory of Motivated Information Management. In C. R. Berger and M. Roloff (Eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Interpersonal Communication* (3rd vol., pp. 1755-1765). Chichester, UK: Wiley Blackwell.

- Afifi, W. A. (2015). Uncertainty Management. In W. Donsbach (ed.), *Concise Encyclopedia of Communication* (pp. 627-628). Oxford, UK: Wiley Blackwell.
- Tikkanen, S., Afifi, W., & Merrill, A. (2015). Gr8 textpeceptions: Parents' experiences of anxiety in response to adolescent mobile phone delays. In C. Bruess (ed.), *Family Communication in a Digital Age* (pp. 360-382). New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing
- Felix, E. & Afifi, W. A. (2015). The role of social support on mental health following multiple Wildfire disasters. *Journal of Community Psychology*, *43*, 156-170. DOI: 10.1002/jcop.21671
- Felix, E., Afifi, T., Kia-Keating, M., Sprague, C. M., Afifi, W., & Reyes, G. (2015). Family functioning and posttraumatic growth among parents and youth following wildfire disasters. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, *85*, 191–200. DOI: 10.1037/ort0000054
- Afifi, T. A., Davis, S., Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., Denes, A., & Afifi, W. (2015). In the wake of the Great Recession: Economic uncertainty, communication, and biological stress responses in families. *Human Communication Research*, *41*, 268-302. DOI: 10.1111/hcre.12048
- Sprague, C. M., Kia-Keating, M., Felix, E., Afifi, T., Reyes, G. & Afifi, W. (2015). Youth psychosocial adjustment following wildfire: The role of family resilience, emotional support, and concrete support. *Child & Youth Care Forum*, *44*, 433-450. DOI: 10.1007/s10566-014-9285-7
- Afifi, W. A., & Robbins, S. (2014). Theory of Motivated Information Management: Struggles with uncertainty and its outcomes. In D. O. Braithwaite & P. Schrodt (eds.), *Engaging Theories in Interpersonal Communication* (2nd ed., pp. 143-156). Sage Publications.
- Afifi, W. A., Afifi, T. A., & Merrill, A. (2014). Uncertainty and control in the context of a category-five tornado. *Research in Nursing & Health*, *37*, 358–366; DOI: 10.1002/nur.21613 [lead article]
- Afifi, W. A., Afifi, T. D., Robbins, S., & Nimah, N. (2013). The relative impacts of uncertainty and mother's communication on hopelessness among Palestinian refugee youth. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, *83*, 495-504. DOI: 10.1111/ajop.12051
- Morse, C. & Afifi, W. A. (2013). I'm not rude, I'm just moody: The impact of affect on politeness in initial interactions. *Communication Research*. DOI: 10.1177/0093650212465432
- Afifi, T., Afifi, W., Merrill, A. F., Denes, A. and Davis, S. (2013). "You Need to Stop Talking About This!": Verbal Rumination and the Costs of Social Support. *Human Communication Research*, *39*, 395-421. DOI: 10.1111/hcre.12012
- Received the **2013 NCA Communication and Social Cognition Distinguished Article Award**
- Long, S. D., Morgan, S. E., Harrison, T., Afifi, W. A., Stephenson, M., Reichert, T., & Morse, C. (2012). When families talk: Applying interpretative phenomenological analysis to African American families discussing their awareness, commitment, and knowledge of organ donation. *Journal of the National Medical Association*, *104*, 555-563.
- Afifi, W. A., Felix, E. D., & Afifi, T. A. (2012). The impact of uncertainty and communal coping on mental health following natural disasters. *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping*, *25*, 329-347.

- Dillow, M.R., Afifi, W.A., & Matsunaga, M. (2012). Perceived partner uniqueness and communicative and behavioral transgression outcomes in romantic relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 29*, 28-51.
- Morgan, S. E., Stephenson, M. T., Afifi, W., Harrison, T. R., Long, S. D., & Chewning, L. V. (2011). The University Worksite Organ Donation Campaign: An evaluation of the impact of communication modalities on the willingness to donate. *Clinical Transplantation, 25*, 600-605.
- Fowler, C., & Afifi, W. A. (2011). Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management to adult children's discussions of caregiving with aging parents. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 28*, 507-535.
- Afifi, W. A., & Afifi, T. D. (2009). Avoidance among adolescents in conversations about their parents' relationship: Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 26*, 488-511.
- Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., & Coho, A. (2009). Adolescents' physiological reactions to their parents' negative disclosures about the other parent in divorced and nondivorced families. *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage, 50*, 517-540.
- Afifi, W. A. (2009). Uncertainty Management Theories. In S. Littlejohn & K. Foss (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Communication Theory, Vol. 2* (pp. 973-976). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Afifi, W. A. (2009). Motivated Information Management Theory. In S. Littlejohn & K. Foss (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Communication Theory, Vol. 2* (pp. 665-667). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Afifi, W. A. (2009). Information seeking in close relationships. In H. Reis & S. Sprecher (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships, Vol. 2* (pp. 846-849). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Afifi, T. A., & W. A. Afifi (2009). Introduction. In T. D. Afifi & W. A. Afifi (Eds.), *Uncertainty, information management, and disclosure decisions: Theories and applications* (pp. 1-5). New York: Routledge.
- Afifi, W. A., & Morse, C. R. (2009). Expanding the role of emotion in the Theory of Motivated Information Management. In T. D. Afifi & W. A. Afifi (Eds.), *Uncertainty, information management, and disclosure decisions: Theories and applications* (pp. 87-105). New York: Routledge.
- Afifi, W. A. (2009). Uncertainty and information management in interpersonal contexts. In S. Smith & S. Wilson (Eds.), *New directions in interpersonal communication research* (pp. 94-114). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Morse, C., Afifi, W. A., Morgan, S. E., Stephenson, M., Reichert, T., Harrison, T., & Long, S. D. (2009). Religiosity, anxiety, and discussions about organ donation: Understanding a complex system of associations. *Health Communication, 24*, 156-164.

- Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., Morse, C., & Hamrick, K. (2008). Adolescents' avoidance tendencies and physiological reactions to discussions about their parents' relationship: Implications for post-divorce and non-divorced families. *Communication Monographs*, 75, 290-317.
- Dillow, M.R., Morse, C.R., & Afifi, W.A. (2008). Romantic reconciliation as influenced by implicit theories of relationships and information seeking style. *Human Communication*, 11, 357-366.
- Morgan, S. E., Stephenson, M. T., Harrison, T. R., Afifi, W. A., & Long, S. D. (2008). Facts vs. "feelings": How rational is the decision to become an organ donor? *Journal of Health Psychology*, 13, 644-658.
- Afifi, W. A., & Lucas, A. (2008). Information seeking in relationship initiation and development. In S. Sprecher, J. Harvey, & A. Wenzel (Eds.), *Handbook on relationship beginnings* (pp. 135-152). New York: Psychology Press.
- Stephenson, M., Morgan, S., Roberts-Perez, S., Harrison, T., Afifi, W., & Long, S. (2008). The role of religiosity, religious norms, subjective norms, and bodily integrity in signing an organ donor card. *Health Communication*, 23, 436-447.
- Afifi, W. A. (2008). Uncertainty Management. In W. Dornsbush et al. (Eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Communication*, Vol. XI (pp. 5204-5208). Oxford, UK: Wiley Blackwell.
- Afifi, W. A., & Matsunaga, M. (2008). Theories of uncertainty management. In L. A. Baxter & D. O. Braithwaite (Eds.), *Engaging theories in interpersonal communication: Multiple perspectives* (pp. 117-132). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Morgan, S. E., Harrison, T. R., Afifi, W. A., Long, S., Stephenson, M. (2008). In their own words: The reasons why people will (not) sign an organ donor card. *Health Communication*, 23, 23-33.
- Afifi, T. D., Caughlin, J., & Afifi, W. A. (2007). The darkside of avoidance and secrets in interpersonal relationships: Reasons to question the ideology of openness. In B. H. Spitzberg and W. R. Cupach (Eds.), *The darkside of interpersonal communication* (2nd ed., pp. 61-92) Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- Afifi, W. A. (2007). Nonverbal communication. In B. Whaley & W. Samter (Eds.), *Explaining communication: Contemporary theories and exemplars* (pp. 39-60). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- Krieger, J., Parrott, R., & Afifi, W. A. (2006). The role of perceived control in alcohol prevention campaigns. *Communication Research Reports*, 23, 239-249.
- Afifi, W. A., & Caughlin, J. P. (2006). A close look at revealing secrets and some consequences that follow. *Communication Research*, 33, 467-488.
- Afifi, W. A., Morgan, S. E., Stephenson, M., Morse, C., Harrison, T., Reichert, T., & Long, S. D. (2006). Examining the Decision to Talk with Family about Organ Donation: Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management. *Communication Monographs*, 73, 188-215.

- Afifi, W. A., & Weiner, J. L. (2006). Seeking information about sexual health: Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management. *Human Communication Research, 32*, 35-57.
- Received the **2011 ICA/NCA Health Communication Distinguished Article of the Year** (awarded to an article that has made significant impact on the area of Health Communication)
- Morgan, S.E., Harrison, T.R., Long, S., Afifi, W., Stephenson, M., and Reichert, T. (2005). Family discussions about organ donation: How the media influences opinions about organ donation. *Clinical Transplantation, 19*, 674-682..
- Caughlin, J. P., Afifi, W. A., Carpenter-Theune, K. E., & Miller, L. E (2005). Reasons for and consequences of revealing personal secrets in close relationships: A longitudinal study. *Personal Relationships, 12*, 43-60.
- Afifi, W. A., Dillow, M. & Morse, C. (2004). Examining predictors and consequences of information seeking in close relationships. *Personal Relationships, 11*, 429-449.
- Afifi, W. A. & Weiner, J. L. (2004). Toward a Theory of Motivated Information Management. *Communication Theory, 14*, 167-190.
- Afifi, W. A., & Johnson, M. L. (2004). Examining tie signs in public settings. In V. Manusov (Ed.), *Beyond words: A sourcebook of methods for measuring nonverbal cues* (pp. 189-198). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.
- Afifi, W. A., & Weiner, J. L. (2002). Introduction: Information-seeking across contexts. *Human Communication Research, 28*, 207-212. [invited]
- Afifi, W. A., Falato, W., & Weiner, J. (2001). Identity concerns following a severe relational transgression: The role of discovery method for the relational outcomes of infidelity. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 18*, 291-308.
- Afifi, W. A., & Burgoon, J. K. (2000). Behavioral violations in interactions: The combined consequences of valence and change in uncertainty on interaction outcomes. *Human Communication Research, 26*, 203-233.
- Afifi, W. A. & Faulkner, S. L. (2000). On being “just friends”: The frequency and impact of sexual activity in cross-sex friendships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 17*, 205-222.
- Afifi, W. A., & Lee, J. (2000). Balancing instrumental and identity goals in relationships: The role of request directness and request persistence in the selection of sexual resistance strategies. *Communication Monographs, 67*, 284-305.
- Jay, L. R., Afifi, W. A., & Samter, W (2000). The impact of patient expectations on the effectiveness of genetic counselors. *Journal of Genetic Counseling, 9*, 95-116.
- Afifi, W. A. & Guerrero, L. K. (2000). Motivations underlying topic avoidance in close relationships. In S. Petronio (Ed.), *Balancing the secrets of private disclosures* (pp. 165-180). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

- Afifi, W. A., & Johnson, M. L. (1999). The use and interpretation of affection displays in a public setting: Relationship and sex differences. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 16*, 9-38.
- * Reprinted in Guerrero, L. K., & Hecht, M. L. (eds.) (2008). *The Nonverbal Communication Reader* (3rd ed.; pp. 209-216) Waveland Press.
- Afifi, W. A. (1999). Harming the ones we love: Relational Attachment and perceived consequences as predictors of safe-sex behavior. *Journal of Sex Research, 36*, 198-206.
- Burgoon, J. K., Buller, D. B., White, C. H., Afifi, W., & Buslig, A. L. S. (1999). The role of conversational involvement in deceptive interpersonal interaction. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, 25*, 669-685.
- Guerrero, L. K. & Afifi, W. A. (1999). Toward a goal-oriented approach for understanding strategic communicative responses to jealousy. *Western Journal of Communication, 63*, 216-248.
- Afifi, W. A. & Metts, S. (1998). Characteristics and consequences of expectation violations in close relationships. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, 15*, 365-392.
- Afifi, W. A. & Burgoon, J. K. (1998). "We never talk about that:" A comparison of cross-sex friendships and dating relationships on uncertainty and topic avoidance. *Personal Relationships, 5*, 255-272.
- Afifi, W. A. & Guerrero, L. K. (1998). Some things are better left unsaid II: Topic avoidance in friendships. *Communication Quarterly, 36*, 231-249.
- Guerrero, L. K. & Afifi, W. A. (1998). Communicative responses to jealousy as a function of self-esteem and relationship maintenance goals: A test of Bryson's dual motivation model. *Communication Reports, 11*, 111-122.
- Burgoon, J. K., Buller, D. B., Guerrero, L. K., Afifi, W. A., & Feldman, C. M. (1996). Interpersonal Deception: XII. Information management dimensions underlying deceptive and truthful messages. *Communication Monographs, 63*, 50-69.
- Afifi, W. A., & Reichert, T. (1996). Understanding the role of uncertainty in jealousy experience and expression. *Communication Reports, 9*, 93-104.
- Klinge, R. S., Burgoon, H. M., Afifi, W. A., & Callister, M. (1995). Rethinking how to measure organizational culture in the hospital setting: The Hospital Culture Scale. *Evaluation and the Health Professions, 18*, 166-186.
- Guerrero, L. K., & Afifi, W. A. (1995). Some things are better left unsaid: Topic avoidance in family relationships. *Communication Quarterly, 43*, 276-296.
- Guerrero, L. K. & Afifi, W. A. (1995). What parents don't know: Taboo topics and topic avoidance in parent-child relationships. In T. J. Socha and G. Stamp (Eds.), *Parents, children, and communication: Frontiers of theory and research* (pp. 219-245). Hillsdale: Lawrence Erlbaum.

Hammoud, M. & Afifi, W. (1994). Media in Lebanon. In Y.R. Kamalipour & H. Mowlana (Eds.), *Mass media in the Middle East: A comprehensive reference guide* (pp. 160-172). Westport: Greenwood Publishing Group

Books

T. D. Afifi & W. A. Afifi (Eds.), *Uncertainty, information management, and disclosure decisions: Theories and applications*. New York: Routledge.

Guerrero, L. K, Andersen, P., & Afifi, W. A. (2007/2010/2017). *Close Encounters: Communication in interpersonal interactions* (2nd ed; 3rd ed; 4th ed). Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Guerrero, L. K, Andersen, P., & Afifi, W. A. (2001). *Close Encounters: Communication in interpersonal interactions*. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield.

Funded Proposals

“Aging, Cancer, and Uncertainty in Rural Iowa” (2014-2015) – **co-PI** (with T. Afifi); Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Iowa (\$75,000).

“Parent-Child Processes Affecting Long Term Post-Disaster Psychosocial Adjustment” (2014-2016); National Institute of Child Health and Human Development – **co-I**; E. Felix (PI).
Grant #: 1R03HD077164-01A1 (\$153,000)

“The Role of Parents’ Reappraisal on Adolescents’ Responses to Threat-Related Uncertainty during Active Wildfires” (2011) – **PI**; UCSB Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research, together with UCSB Academic Senate Grant (\$7,500)

“Communicative Coping Strategies of Families Surviving Wildfires” (2010) – **Co-I**; T. Afifi (PI); UCSB Academic Senate Grant (\$8,500).

“Recovery after Multiple Fire Disasters in Santa Barbara” (2009) – **co-PI** (with E. Felix); Social Science Survey Center (SSSC) Central Coast Survey Award (\$40,000).

“Understanding the neural and physical correlates of uncertainty and its links with propensity toward violence against children” (2009) – **PI**; Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research, University of Santa Barbara, California (\$5,160).

“Disasters and uncertainty” (2007) – **PI**; Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research, University of Santa Barbara, California (\$1,000).

“The Palestinian Youth Resilience Project” (2007) – **PI**; Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research, University of Santa Barbara, California (\$7,000).

“The Palestinian Youth Resilience Project” (2007) – **co-PI** with T. Afifi; Palestinian-American Research Council (\$5,700).

“The university worksite organ donation project” (2003-2005) – **Co-I**; Division of Transplantation, US Department of Health & Human Services (\$1,500,000).

“Seeking sexual health information: A test of the theory of motivated information seeking” – **PI**; Research and Graduate Studies Office grant (2001), College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University (\$7,000).

“Coding information-seeking efforts in organ donation discussions” – **PI**; Undergraduate Research Fund (2000), College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,500).

“A test of information-seeking motivations;” **PI**; Undergraduate Research Fund (2000), College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University (\$2,000).

“Developing a measure of patient goals” – **PI**; Research and Graduate Studies Office grant (1999), College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University (\$5,000).

“Patient goals in physician-patient interactions” – **PI**; Project Development Grant (1996-1997), College of Arts & Science, University of Delaware (\$955.00).

Conference Presentations

Afifi, W. A. (November, 2017). Preconference Panelist: *Our Legacy, Our Relevance: Breaking Down Privilege Using Communication Theory to Build Frameworks that Support Inclusion*. Panelist at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Dallas TX.

Scranton, A., Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., & Gangi, K. (November, 2016). *Networks of passing: Experiences of undocumented Latin American immigrants' identity negotiation*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Afifi, T. D., & Afifi, W. A., Acevedo Callejas, M., Shahnazi, A., White, A., & Nimah, N. (November, 2016). *The functionality of communal coping in chronic uncertainty environments: The Context of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Afifi, W. A. (November, 2016). Preconference panelist: *Preconference for Current and Prospective Department Chairs: Inclusive Leadership Practices*. Panelist at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Afifi, W. A. (November, 2015). Panelist, *Sexual Violence on Campus: A Call to Communication Scholars to Intervene*. Panelist at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.

Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., Merrill, A., & Nimah, N. (November, 2014). “*Fractured communities*”: *Uncertainty, stress, and (a lack of) communal coping in Palestinian refugee camps*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL. **Top Three paper panel** for the Family Communication Division of the National Communication Association.

- Afifi, W. A. (November, 2014). Panelist, *Palestinian Solidarity and the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement: Considerations for U.S.-based Communication Scholars*. Panelist at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Afifi, W. A., Gangi, K. E., Blascovich, J., Afifi, T. A., Cornick, J., Merrill, A., Ryan W., & Sterling, K. (May, 2014). *Mothers' impact on their daughters' cardiovascular reactivity in a high-threat context: An immersive virtual environment study*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Robbins, S. A., & Afifi, W. A. (May, 2014). *The Confidant Response Theory*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Afifi, T. A., Davis, S., Merrill, A., Coveleski, S., Denes, A., & Afifi, W. A. (May, 2014). *In the wake of the Great Recession: Economic uncertainty, communication, and physiological stress response in families*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Robbins, S. A., & Afifi, W. A. (May, 2014). *The impact of structure on response decisions for recipients of distressing disclosures: The Bystander Effect*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Seattle, WA. **Top Four paper panel** (Communication & Technology Division).
- Afifi, T. A., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2013). *Connecting as co-authors: Negotiating the collaborative relationship with advisors, students and colleagues*. Panel presentation at the annual conference of National Communication Association, Washington D.C..
- Afifi, W. A. (November, 2013). Panelist, *Connections between Communication Theory and Patient Safety*. Panelist at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Washington D.C..
- Felix, E.D., Afifi, T., Kia-Keating, M., Afifi, W., Reyes, G., & Sprague-Knapp, C. (November, 2013). *Family functioning and posttraumatic growth among parents and children following wildfire disasters*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, Philadelphia, PA.
- Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., Merrill, A., Denes, A., & Davis, S. (June, 2013). *"You need to stop talking about this!": Verbal rumination and the costs of social support*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, London, UK. **Top Three paper panel**.
- Afifi, W. A. & Afifi, T. D. (May 2012). *Uncertainty, communal coping, and well-being in the context of disasters*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ.
- Afifi, W. A., Afifi, T. D., Robbins, S., & Nimah, N. (May, 2012). *The relative impacts of uncertainty and mother's communication on hopelessness among Palestinian youth in Lebanese refugee camps*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Phoenix, AZ.

- Afifi, W.A., Afifi, T. D., & Felix, E. (November, 2011). *The impact of uncertainty and communal Coping on mental health following natural disasters*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Afifi, T. D., Afifi, W. A., & Casillas, A. (May, 2011). *Uncertainty and communal coping during anticipated natural disasters*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Boston, MA. **Top Three Paper panel.**
- Afifi, W. A., Afifi, T. D., & Felix, E. (November, 2010). *Surviving community-wide trauma: The roles of uncertainty and communal coping on psychological distress following natural disasters*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Fransisco, CA.
- Fowler, C., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2010). *Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management to adult children's discussions of caregiving with aging parents*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Fransisco, CA.
- Afifi, W. A., Afifi, T. D., & Morse, C. (July, 2008). *Let's talk: Improving the assessment of topic avoidance*. Paper presented at the biannual conference of the International Association for Relationship Research, Providence, Rhode Island.
- Afifi, W. A., & Afifi, T. D. (May, 2008). *Avoidance among adolescents in conversations about their parents' relationship: applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Long, S., Morgan, S., Harrison, T., Afifi, W. A., Stephenson, M., Reichert, T., & Morse, C. (November, 2008). *Talking man to man: Applying interpretative phenomenological analysis to African American men discussing their attitudes, religious beliefs and anxiety about organ donation*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Diego, CA.
- Long, S., Morgan, S., Afifi, W. A., Harrison, T., Stephenson, M., Reichert, T., & Morse, C. (November, 2007). *When families talk: Applying Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) to African American families discussing their awareness, commitment, and knowledge of organ donation*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Chicago.
- Afifi, T., & Afifi, W. A., & Coho, A. (November, 2007). *Adolescents' physiological reactions to their parents' negative disclosures about the other parent in divorced and non-divorced families*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Chicago.
- Afifi, T., Afifi, W. A., Morse, C., & Hamrick, K. (November, 2007). *Adolescent avoidance tendencies and physiological reactions to discussions about their parents' relationship: implications for post-divorce and non-divorced families*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Chicago.
- Morgan, S., Stephenson, M., Harrison, T., Afifi, W. A., Long, S., Chewning, L., & Reichert, T. (May, 2007). *The University Worksite Organ Donation campaign: an evaluation of the impact of communication modalities on the willingness to donate*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, San Francisco.

- Roberts-Perez, S., Stephenson, M., Morgan, S., Harrison, T., Afifi, W., & Long, S. (November, 2006). *The role of religiosity, religious norms, subjective norms, and bodily integrity in signing an organ donor card*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Antonio.
- Morse, C., Afifi, W. A., Morgan, S., Stephenson, M., Reichert, T., Harrison, T., & Long, S. D. (November, 2006). *Religiosity, anxiety, and discussions about organ donation: understanding a complex system of associations*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Antonio.
- Lucas, A. A., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2006). *'We talk about that and everything in between': exploring patterns of sexual communication in college-aged friendships*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Antonio.
- Dillow, M., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2006). *The aftermath of transgressions: communicative responses and reasons to maintain romantic relationships*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Antonio.
- Afifi, W. A., & Lucas, A. A. (November, 2006). *The role of outcome expectancies in the search for relationally-relevant information*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Antonio.
- Afifi, W. A., & Matsunaga, M. (November, 2006). *Ambient uncertainty: the development of a construct to aid in understanding the impact of hurricanes and other disasters*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, San Antonio.
- Dillow, M., Morse, C. R., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2005). *Relational reconciliation, implicit theories of relationships, and attribution style*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Boston.
- Morgan, S. E., Stephenson, M. T., Afifi, W. A., Harrison, T. R., Long, S., & Reichert, T. (November, 2005). *Cognitive and non-cognitive variables: influences on the decision to become an organ donor*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Boston.
- Afifi, W. A., & Caughlin, J. P. (May, 2005). *Examining the roles of self-esteem and identity concerns in decisions about, and consequences of, revealing secrets*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, New York.
- Afifi, W. A., Morse, C., Dillow, M., & Weiner, J. (May, 2005). *Caring for a newborn in the land of theory: the theory of motivated information management*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, New York.
- Morgan, S. E., Harrison, T. R., Long, S., Afifi, W. A., Reichert, T., Stephenson, M., & Morse, C. (May, 2005). *In their own words: a multicultural qualitative study of the reasons why people will (not) sign an organ donor card*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, New York.

- Afifi, W. A., Morgan, S. E., Morse, C., Long, S. D., Reichert, T., Stephenson, M., Alvaro, E., & Harrison, T. (November, 2004). *Examining the decision to talk with family about organ donation: a test of the theory of motivated information management*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL. **Top paper (Health Comm. div.)**.
- Caughlin, J. P., Afifi, W. A., Carpenter-Theune, K. E., & Miller, L. E (November, 2004). *Reasons for and consequences of revealing personal secrets in close relationships: a longitudinal study*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL. **Top 4 paper (Interpersonal Comm. div.)**.
- Afifi, W. A., Cupach, W., & Spitzberg, B. (July, 2004). *Obsessive relational intrusion as information-seeking*. Paper presented at the biennial conference of the International Association for Relationship Research, Madison, WI.
- Afifi, W. A. (July, 2004). *Hope, fear, and other misfits guiding the search for health information*. Paper presented at the biennial International Conference on Language and Social Psychology, State College, PA.
- Morse, C., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2003). *Using physiological data to measure parents' and adolescents' avoidance tendencies*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Miami, FL.
- Afifi, W. A. (November, 2003). *Using palm pilots to gather numerical data in naturalistic settings*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Miami, FL.
- Afifi, W. A., Morse, C., & Dillow, M. (November, 2003). *Searching for the grail: Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management to close relationships*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Miami, FL.
- Weiner, J. L., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2003). *Searching for information and another's sexual health: Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Miami, FL.
- Morgan, S. E., Stephenson, M., Reichert, T., Alvaro, E., Afifi, W., & Long, S. (November, 2003). *The willingness to donate organs: Current statistics based on a diverse sample from six states*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Miami, FL.
- Krieger, J. L., Parrott, R., & Afifi, W. A. (April, 2003). *Missed opportunities in college alcohol education programs: The role of perceived control*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Eastern Communication Association, Washington, DC.
- Afifi, W. A. (February, 2003). *The state of modern interpersonal communication theory and research: A roundtable*. Panel member at the annual conference of the Western Speech Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Afifi, W. A., Dillow, M. R., & Morse, C. R. (February, 2003). *"Who Dares Ask? Outcome Assessments as Predictors of Information Seeking in Relationships"*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Western Speech Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT.

- Weiner, J. L., Afifi, W. A., & Parrott, R. (November, 2002). *Applying the Theory of Motivated Information Management to genetics*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Afifi, W. A., Weiner, J. L., & Morse, C. (November, 2002). *The Theory of Motivated Information Management: Recognizing the transactional process of information management*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Afifi, W. A., Caughlin, J., & Falato, W. (July, 2002). *The voices in our heads: Predicting the disclosure of secrets in close relationships*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationship, Halifax, Canada.
- Afifi, W. A., Weiner, J. L., & Krieger, J. (March, 2002). *The interaction of self-efficacy and feedback valence on information seeking during initial interactions*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Western Communication Association, Long Beach, CA., March 1-5, 2002.
- Afifi, W. A., & Weiner, J. L. (November, 2001). *Toward a theory of motivated information-seeking*. **Top Four Paper**. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA., November 1-4, 2001.
- Afifi, W. A. & Dial, S. (November, 2001). *The other (two) white Meat(s): The interplay between self, relational, and other uncertainty*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA., November 1-4, 2001.
- Afifi, W. A., Krieger, J. L., & Weiner, J. L. (June, 2001). *Testing the role of rejection sensitivity in the information-seeking process*. Paper presented at the annual joint conference of the International Network on Personal Relationships and the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Prescott, AZ, June 28-July 2, 2001.
- Weiner, J. L., & Afifi, W. A. (June, 2001). *“What did you just say?”: The impact of receivers’ perceptions of disclosure self-relevance on assessments of the discloser and on relational quality*. Paper presented at the annual joint conference of the International Network on Personal Relationships and the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Prescott, AZ, June 28-July 2, 2001.
- Afifi, W. A., Weiner, J. L., & Krieger, J. L. (May, 2001). *Self-efficacy as a component influencing the motivation to seek information*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Communication Association, Washington, DC, May 24-28, 2001.
- Afifi, W. A. (April, 2001). *The effects of expectation violations across relationships with liked and disliked others*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Central States Communication Association, Cincinnati, OH, April 5-8, 2001.
- Afifi, W. A., Metts, S., & Knobloch, L. (November, 2000). *“Why don’t you first figure out what you want?” The antecedents and consequences of self uncertainty in relationships*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 3-6, 2000.

- Afifi, W. A., Faulkner, S. L., Falato, W. L., Krieger, J. L., & Reichert, T. (November, 2000). *"We need to talk": The role of topic avoidance following sexual activity in cross-sex friendship*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 3-6, 2000.
- Metts, S., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 2000). *The experience and expression of emotions associated with events that increase uncertainty in personal relationships*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 3-6, 2000.
- Cameron, K. A., Silk, K. J., Afifi, W. A., & Theodori, J. B. (November, 2000). *"The Doctor should...": Patients' expectations and goals regarding physician-patient interactions*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 3-6, 2000.
- Lee, J. W., & Afifi, W. A. (February, 2000). *"If you want my body and you think I'm sexy, please don't be hurt when I say no": Dual goals in sexual resistance*. **Top Four Paper**, Interpersonal Communication Division. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Western Communication Association, Sacramento, CA, February 25-29, 2000.
- Afifi, W. A., & Faulkner, S. (November, 1999). *What if Harry met Sally in 1999? The frequency and impact of sexual contact in cross-sex friendships*. Paper presented at the annual National Communication Association conference, Chicago, IL.
- Afifi, W. A., Weiner, J. L., Lee, J. W. (November, 1999). *A preliminary test of a model of information-seeking following violations in close relationships*. Paper presented at the annual National Communication Association conference, Chicago, IL.
- Samter, W., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 1999). *Verbal and nonverbal elements of comforting behavior in interactive contexts: Some effects of target blame and behavioral reciprocity*. Paper presented at the annual National Communication Association conference, Chicago, IL.
- Jay, L. Afifi, W., & Samter, W. (October, 1999). *Implications of patient expectations for effective genetic counseling*. Paper presented at the National Society of Genetic Counselors Annual Education Conference, Oakland, CA.
- Reyes M., Afifi, W., Krawchuk, A., Imperato, N., Shelley, D., & Lee, J. (June, 1999). *Just (don't) talk: Comparing the impact of interaction style on sexual desire and social attraction*. Paper presented at the annual joint conference of the International Network on Personal Relationships and the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Louisville, KY.
- Falato, W., Meyer, C., Weiner, J., Afifi, W. A., & Riggs, N. (June, 1999). *Now what? The impact of discovery method on relationship progress following infidelity*. Paper presented at the annual joint conference of the International Network on Personal Relationships and the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Louisville, KY.
- Afifi, W. A. (April, 1999). *A picture is worth 1000 words: Contrasting images of communication motivations in relationships*. Paper presented at the annual Central/Southern States Communication Association, St. Louis, MO.

- Afifi, W. A., & Guerrero, L. K. (November, 1998). *Motivations underlying topic avoidance*. Paper presented at the annual National Communication Association conference, New York.
- Afifi, W. A. (July, 1998). *Identity and relationship maintenance as motivations underlying the decision not to use condoms*. Paper presented at the annual International Communication Association conference, Jerusalem.
- Afifi, W. A. & Metts, S. (June, 1998). *Violations in relationships iii: predictors of information-seeking following uncertainty-increasing violations in close relationships*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships, Saratoga Springs, NY.
- Afifi, W.A. & Johnson, M. L. (November, 1997). *The use and interpretation of affection displays in a public setting: Relationship and sex differences*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association (previously named Speech Communication Association) conference, Chicago, IL.
- Afifi, W.A. & Metts, S. (June, 1997). *Violations in relationship II: The role of violation frequency on relational stability*. Paper presented at the International Network of Personal Relationships conference, Miami, OH.
- Afifi, W.A., Wade, W. & Samter, W. (June, 1997). *She loves me, she loves me not: Autonomy-connection needs and the motivation to reduce uncertainty*. Paper presented at the International Network of Personal Relationships conference, Miami, OH.
- Guerrero, L. K. & Afifi, W.A. (June, 1997). *An examination of jealousy goals*. Paper presented at the International Network of Personal Relationships conference, Miami, OH.
- Buller, D. B., Burgoon, J. K., Afifi, W.A., White, C. H., & Buslig, A. L. S. (May, 1997). *The role of cognitive heuristics, message comprehension, cognitive busyness, and behavioral cues on judgments of message credibility*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association conference, Montreal.
- Afifi, W.A. & Samter, W. (April, 1997). *Individual vs. relational goals in close relationships*. Paper presented at the Eastern Communication Association conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Afifi, W. A. & Guerrero, L. K. (February, 1997). *An examination of relational uncertainty reduction as a goal in relationships: Implications for communication choices*. Paper presented at the Western Communication Association conference, Monterey, CA.
- Afifi, W. A., & Burgoon, J. K. (November, 1996). *Behavioral violations in interactions: The combined consequences of valence and change in uncertainty on interaction outcomes*. **Top Paper**, Interpersonal & Small Group Division. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association conference, San Diego.
- Afifi, W. A., & Duemmler, S. (August, 1996). *Understanding the Complexity of the Sexual Resistance Situation: Relational Intimacy, Relational Commitment and Initiator Directness as Predictors of Sexual Resistance Strategy Choice*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships, Banff, Canada.

- Metts, S. & Afifi, W. A. (August, 1996). *"I really didn't think you'd do that:" The valence of expectation violations in relationships and their effect on uncertainty.* Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships, Banff, Canada
- Samter, W., Afifi, W.A., & Johnson M. (August, 1996). *The role of comforting skills in same-sex friendships: Do we really know what we're getting?* Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships, Banff, Canada.
- Burgoon, J. K., Buller, D. B., Afifi, W. A., White, C., & Buslig, A. (May, 1996). *The role of immediacy in deceptive interpersonal interactions.* **Top Four Paper**, Interpersonal Division. Paper presented at the International Communication Association conference, Chicago, IL.
- Afifi, W. A., & Melcher, C. (November, 1995). *Do unto others: A test of the norm of reciprocity.* Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Afifi, W. A., & Guerrero, L. K. (June, 1995). *"What your friends won't tell you": Taboo topics and topic avoidance in same- and cross-sex friendships.* Paper presented at the International Network of Personal Relationships convention, Wilmington, VA.
- Afifi, W. A., & Reichert, T. (May, 1995). *To wrap it or not to wrap it ? A question of face threats.* Paper presented at the International Communication Association convention, Albuquerque, NM.
- Metts, S., & Afifi, W. A. (April, 1995). *Unexpected behavior in close relationships.* Paper presented at the Southern Speech Communication Association convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Guerrero, L. K., Ebesu, A., Afifi, W. A. (February, 1995). *Relational repair after deception discovery in close relationships.* Paper presented at the Western Speech Communication Association convention, Portland, OR.
- Afifi, W. A., & Alvaro, E. (November, 1994). *The physician as a channel for health information.* Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Johnson, M. L., Afifi, W. A., & Duck, S. (June, 1994). *Everything you wanted to know about social attraction but were afraid to ask.* Paper presented at the International Communication Association convention, Sydney, Australia.
- Burgoon, J. K., Buller, D. B., Guerrero, L. K., Afifi, W. A., & Feldman, C. M. (June, 1994). *Information management dimensions underlying types of deceptive messages.* Paper presented at the International Communication Association convention, Sydney, Australia.
- Afifi, W. A., Johnson, M. L., & Duck, S. W. (May, 1994). *Everything you wanted to know about social attraction but were afraid to ask II: This time its gender differences...or is it?* Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships convention, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Afifi, W. A., Guerrero, L. K. & Eglund, K. L. (May, 1994). *Maintenance behaviors in same- and opposite-sex friendships: Connections to gender, relational closeness, and equity issues.* Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships convention, Iowa City, Iowa.

- Afifi, W. A., & Johnson, M. L. (November, 1993). *The nonverbal display of affection: Cross-sex interaction in bars*. **Top Student Paper**, Interpersonal and Small Group Interaction Division. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association, Miami.
- Guerrero, L. K., & Afifi, W. A. (November, 1993). *Some things are better left unsaid: Taboo topics and reasons for topic avoidance in family and friends relationships*. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association convention, Miami.
- Stern, L., Guerrero, L., Johnson, M., Afifi, W., Payne, M., & Aldrich, A (November, 1993). *Family feuds: A case for a functional typology of communication behaviors in marital conflict*. **Top Four paper**, Commission on Family Communication. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association, Miami.
- Afifi, W. (May, 1993). *'We Never Talk About That': A Comparison of Cross-sex Friendships and Dating Relationships on Uncertainty and Topic Avoidance*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, Washington D.C.
- Klinge, R. S., Burgoon, M., Afifi, W. A., & Callister, M. (May, 1993). *Communication among physicians, nurses, and patients in hospitals: The Hospital Culture Scale*. **Top Three paper**, Health Communication division. Paper presented at the International Communication Association, Washington D.C.
- Reichert, W. T., and Afifi, W. A. (June, 1993). *Decreasing uncertainty and its effect on certain events: A study of jealousy experience, jealousy expression, and uncertainty*. Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships conference, Milwaukee.
- Guerrero, L. K., and Afifi, W. A. (June, 1993). *Coping with romantic jealousy: accomplishing goals via communication*. Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships conference, Milwaukee.
- Afifi, W. A., & Afifi, A. K. (February, 1993). *Two media perspectives of the middle east peace conference: an analysis of Arab and American coverage of an international event*. Paper presented at the Western Speech Communication Association conference, Albuquerque.
- White, C. H., Ebesu, A. S., Johnson, M. L., & Afifi, W. A. (February, 1993). *Incompetence and unattractiveness in self-disclosure: A replication of Hosman's (1987) study*. Paper presented at the Western Speech Association conference, Albuquerque.
- Afifi, W., Einwich, V., & Johnson, M. (November, 1992) *"We're only friends": A comparison of cross-sex friends and daters on jealousy*. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association conference, Chicago.
- Afifi, W. (November, 1992). *An analysis of media framing*. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association conference, Chicago.
- Afifi, W. (May, 1992). *An initial look at comparing cross-sex friends and romantic partners on jealousy*. Paper presented at the International Network on Personal Relationships Graduate Workshop on

Romantic Relationships, Iowa City.

Afifi, W., & Newton, V. (November, 1991). *Identity management within intercultural marriages: Une folie a deux*. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association conference, Atlanta, GA.

Afifi, W. (November, 1991). *Language, power, cognition, and the media: An integrative approach*. Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association conference, Atlanta, GA.

Pearson-d'Estree, T. & Afifi, W. (1991, July). *Value differences in the conflict resolution process*. Paper presented at the International Society of Political Psychology conference, Helsinki.

Teaching

Honors & Awards

Invited (student nominated) and attended UCSB Faculty Nights, Spring quarter, 2017; Winter quarter, 2017.

Recognized at the UCSB Inter-Greek Scholarship Banquet, 2012

Recognized by UCSB Alpha Chi Omega at 2011 event honoring professors.

Recognized by UCSB Delta Delta Delta at 2011 and 2012 events honoring professors.

Recognized by UCSB Gamma Phi Beta at 2008 event honoring professors.

Selected by the department student's marshal as her accompanying faculty marshal, Pennsylvania State University, Spring, 2001.

Recognized as an outstanding professor by the University of Delaware chapter of the Mortar Board National Senior Honors Society, Spring, 1998.

Nominated by the Panhellenic Council as an outstanding professor at the University of Delaware, Fall, 1995.

Nominated by students for the Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Arizona, Summer 1992.

Courses taught

University of California – Santa Barbara (2006-2013; 2016-present)

Comm 107: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication

Comm 111: Nonverbal Comm.

Comm 160: Social Marketing

Comm 175-IP: Applying Interpersonal Communication Theory

Comm 175-WA: Experiences of uncertainty among undocumented immigrants

Comm 502: Introduction to Theory and Philosophy of Science (Graduate)

Comm 507: Survey of Interpersonal and Intergroup Theories (Graduate)

Comm 594: Uncertainty Management (Graduate)

Comm 594: Interpersonal Communication Theory – Graduate (Graduate)

University of Iowa (2013-2016)

Comm 1305: Introduction to Research Methods

Comm 1809: Social Marketing

Pennsylvania State University (1998-2006)

Comm 101: Introduction to Communication

Comm 203: Introduction to Relational Communication

Comm 230: Introduction to Communication Theory

Comm 401: Research Methods

Comm 403: Interpersonal Communication Theory

Comm 470: Nonverbal Communication

Comm 502: Epistemology, Theory Construction, and Quant Methods - Graduate

Comm 550: Theories of Social Influence and Persuasion - Graduate

Comm 555: Interpersonal Communication Theory - Graduate

Comm 597: Sexuality, Communication and Relationship - Graduate

Comm 597: Introduction to Statistics (co-taught with Dr. Canary) - Graduate

Comm 597: Introduction to SPSS syntax - Graduate

Comm 597: Applied Statistical Analysis – Graduate

University of Delaware (1995-1998)

Comm 330: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (3)

Comm 361: Interpersonal Communication Theories (4)

Comm 417: Interpersonal and Relational Conflict (1)

Comm 440: Special topics: The Development of Cross-sex Relationships (3)

Comm 4/640: Special topics: Sexuality, Communication and Relationships (2)

Comm 4/652: Persuasion: Theories and Applications (1)

Committee Chair - Graduate Students

PhD

Katlyn Gangi (PhD, 2016, UCSB)

Stephanie Robbins (PhD, 9/2013, UCSB)

Megan Dillow (PhD., 9/2006, Pennsylvania State University)

Christopher Morse (PhD, 9/2006, Pennsylvania State University)

Alysa Lucas (2005-2006, Pennsylvania State University; **ended with move to UCSB**)

Masaki Matsunaga (2005-2006, Pennsylvania State University; **ended with move to UCSB**)

MA

Stephanie Robbins (MA, 5/2010, UCSB)

Stacia Dial (MA, 9/2002, Pennsylvania State University)

Janice Krieger (MA, 12/2001, Pennsylvania State University; co-chair)

Josephine Lee (MA, 9/2000, Pennsylvania State University)

Aaron Bacue (MA, 9/98, University of Delaware; co-chair)

Wendy Wade (MA, 9/97, University of Delaware; co-chair)

Committee Member - Graduate Students

PhD

Monica Cornejo Robledo ((PhD, ongoing, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Katherine Harrison (PhD, ongoing, University of California-Santa Barbara)
David Stamps (PhD, ongoing, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Chenthu Jayachadiran (PhD, ongoing, University of Iowa)
Mario Navarro (PhD, 2016, Claremont University)
Lauren-Ashley Buchanan (PhD, 2016, University of Iowa)
Crystal Wotipka (PhD, 2016, University of Iowa)
Annie Casillas Merrill (PhD, 2014, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Reginald Archer (PhD, Geography, 2013, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Desiree Aldeis (PhD, 2012, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Amanda Denes (PhD, 2012, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Andrea Joseph (PhD, 2012, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Paul Myers (PhD, 2008, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Wendy Falato (PhD, 2004, Pennsylvania State University)
Judith Weiner (PhD, 2004, Pennsylvania State University)
Jim Tatterson (Ph.D., 2002, Pennsylvania State University)
Sandra Lakey (Ph.D., 2000, Pennsylvania State University)
Elaine Zelle (Ph.D., 2000, Pennsylvania State University)
Michelle Mattrey (Ph.D., 2000, Pennsylvania State University)

MA

Annie Casillas (MA, 2011, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Rebekah Pure (MA, 2010, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Amanda Denes (MA, 2009, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Elisia Sim (MA, 2009, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Andrea Joseph (MA, 2008, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Desiree Aldeis (MA, 2008, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Abby Prestin (MA, 9/2008, University of California-Santa Barbara)
Christine Armstrong (MA, 2/2005, Pennsylvania State University)
Rachel McLaren (MA, 12/2005, Pennsylvania State University)
Maggie Pitts (MA, 12/2001, Pennsylvania State University)

Honors Student Advisor

Daniel Hartz (2011-2012; UCSB)
Erica Thoe (2009-2010; UCSB)
Robin Brozoski (2008-2009; UCSB)
Nicole Zeoli (2007-2008; UCSB)
Allison McFerrin (2006-2007; UCSB)
Lisa Jay (1997-1998; University of Delaware)

Service

Guest Editor

Human Communication Research, Guest editor: Information Seeking Colloquy (2003)

Associate Editor (with editorial responsibility)

Human Communication Research (2012-2016)
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (2008-2010)
Personal Relationships (2003-2006)

Editorial Boards

Ongoing

Communication Reports (2016-present)
Human Communication Research (2000-2003; 2005-2012; 2016-present)
Review of Communication (2012-present)
Western Journal of Communication (2009-present)

Completed

Communication Quarterly (1997-2001)
Communication Monographs (2007-2010)
Communication Research Reports (2005-2009)
Communication Studies (2000-2012)
Journal of Communication (2010-2015)
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (2004-2012)
Personal Relationships (2001-2003; 2006-2014)
Women's Studies in Communication (2003-2006)

Ad hoc reviewer

Annals of the International Communication Association
Asian Journal of Communication
Asian Journal of Social Psychology
Basic and Applied Social Psychology
British Journal of Social Psychology
Communication Quarterly
Communication Methods & Measures
Communication Monographs
Communication Reports
Communication Research
Communication Studies
Communication Theory
Journal of Applied Communication Research
Journal of Communication
Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication
Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology
Journal of Health Communication
Journal of Language and Social Psychology
Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
Journal of Sex Research
Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships
Journal of Traumatic Stress
Health Communication
International Journal of Listening

Management and Information Systems Quarterly
Personal Relationships
Personal Relationship Issues
Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin
Psychological Bulletin
Psychological Reports
Qualitative Communication Research
Western Journal of Communication

Other reviewing responsibilities

Case reviewer: Served as reviewer for 21 promotion cases (American University of Beirut, Arizona State University, Cleveland State University, Purdue University, Louisiana State University, Rutgers University, San Francisco State University, University of Buffalo-SUNY, UC-Davis, University of Kansas, UC-Santa Barbara, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Oklahoma, University of Singapore, University of Tennessee, University of Wisconsin)

Reviewer for proposed PhD program: UC-Davis

External reviewer for graduate program: UC-Davis (2017)

Reviewer for federal agency: Proposal reviewer for the National Science Foundation – Decision, Risk, and Management Sciences (2009)

Reviewer, University of Iowa’s John W. Bowers Award (2011)

Service to Profession

Member, Working group on “Measuring College Learning in Communication”, Social Science Research Institute, 2014

National Communication Association

Chair, Task force on NCA Center for Community, Collaboration and Change, 2016-present.

Member (appointed), Task Force on Inclusivity in the Discipline, 2014-present

NCA-wide Award Selection committee, 2012-2013

Interpersonal Division Early Career Award Selection committee, 2012

Interpersonal Division Dissertation/Thesis Award Selection committee, 2012

WSCA Fisher Award Committee, 2012

Panel chair, Health Communication Division, 2011

Member (appointed), NCA Bylaws Task Force, 2011-2012

Scholars Office Hour, 2010

Member (appointed), Units Task Force, 2009-2011

Reader (appointed), Social Cognition Division, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012

Reader (appointed), Health Communication Division, 2006, 2010, 2011

Member (elected), Committee on Committees, 2006-2008

Chair, Interpersonal Communication Division, 2004

Vice-chair (elected), Interpersonal Communication Division, 2003

Reader (appointed), Group Communication Division, 2000.
Nominating Committee Chair (elected), Interpersonal Communication Division, 2000.
Secretary (elected), Interpersonal Communication Division, 1998.
Nominating Committee Member (elected), Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Division, 1996
Reader (elected), Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Division, 1995.
Reader (appointed), Student Section, 1992.
Panel Respondent – 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 (2009 panel title: *Interpersonal Information Seeking Under Uncertainty: Applications of the Theory of Motivated Information Management*)

International Communication Association

Reader, Interpersonal Communication Division (2011-2012)
Reader, Health Communication Division (2009-2012)
Chair, Interpersonal Communication Division, 2008-2010
Vice-chair (elected), Interpersonal Communication Division, 2007-2008
Panel respondent – 2007; 2008

International Association for Relationship Research

Member (appointed), Publications Committee, 2008-2009
Member (elected), Mentorship committee, 2000-2001.
Reader (appointed), 1996-1997.
G.R. Miller Award committee member, 1992-93.

Departmental Service

University of Iowa

Chair, Department of Communication Studies, 2013-2016.
Member, Committee on Publically-Engaged Scholarship, 2013-2016

University of California – Santa Barbara

Alumni committee, member (2016-present)
Career Day committee, chair (2016-2017)
Graduate committee, member (2016-2018)
Search committee – Technology position, member (2017-18)
Search committee – Interpersonal communication position, chair (2012-13)
Search committee – Race and ethnicity position, member (2011-2012)
Research lab committee (2012-2013)
Career Day committee, member (2010-2012)
Graduate officer/director (2008-2010)
Graduate committee (2006-2010)
Research Participants committee (2006-2008)

Pennsylvania State University

Search committee – Health communication position, member (2005)
Graduate director (2003-2005)
Graduate Recruitment Subcommittee (chair)
Undergraduate Recruitment Subcommittee (chair)
Communication Theory Methods Curriculum Subcommittee (chair)

Research Colloquium Committee (co-chair)
Advisory Committee (member)
Graduate Committee (member)
Undergraduate Committee (member)
Communication Theory Curriculum (member)
Department Curriculum Committee (member)
Search committee - Department Head (member, 2003)
Search committee - Organizational communication position (member, 2001)

University of Delaware

Graduate Curriculum Committee
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

University Service

University of Iowa

Board member, University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (2015-2016)
Member, Review committee for CDA/Sabbatical proposals (2015)
Member, Mellon Digital Bridges Advisory Committee (2015-2016)
Member, Regents Award Selection Committee (2015)
Moderator, Vice-Presidential Debate, Student Senate

UCSB

Faculty Senate Committee, Undergraduate Council, member (2017-present)
Campus Community Council, member (2016-present)
Presenter, Day of Democratic Education (Islamophobia and Democracy), 2017
Ad-hoc Committee on Learning Objectives, 2012-2013
Presenter, Panel on Syria, May 2012
Presenter, "Islamophobia," Muslim Awareness Week, May 2012
Chair, Middle East Studies program, 2011-2013
Ad-hoc committee; review of personnel case, Committee on Academic Personnel, August, 2011
Advisory Board, Olive Tree Initiative (Palestinian-Israeli student group), member, 2011-2013
Executive Board, Center for Middle East Studies, member, 2011-2013
Moderator, UCSB Multicultural center: (1) Panel on Racism; (2) Presentation by Electronic Intifada co-founder, 2010-2011
Chancellor's Council on Climate, Culture, and Inclusion, member, 2010-2013
Center for Middle East Studies Task Force, member, 2010-2013
Undergraduate Council, member, 2008-2009; 2012-2013
Committee on Student Affairs, member, 2008-2009; 2012-2013
Ad-hoc Committee on Improving Relations among Student Groups associated with the Middle East Conflict (organized by the Office of Student Life and Hillel; 2008-2009)
Ad-hoc committee on Student Discourse on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict, Member, 2008-2009
Ad-hoc committee for development of human subjects online system, member, 2007-2008
Ad-hoc Committee on Campus Discourse regarding Middle Eastern Affairs, Chair, 2007-2008
Faculty advisor, Students for Justice in Palestine, 2007-2009
Application evaluator, Undergraduate Honors Projects, 2007-2008
Graduate Students Dissertation Support Evaluation Committee, 2005-2006, (Pennsylvania State University)

Invited Presentations

University of Iowa, College of Public Health, February, 2014

University of Iowa, College of Nursing, December, 2013

University of Iowa, Department of Psychology, November, 2013

Claremont Graduate University, Social Psychology seminar series, March, 2013

Kent State University, The L. LeRoy Cowperthwaite Lecture; May, 2011

University of California at Santa Barbara, Social Psychology; December, 2008

Pennsylvania State University, Organizational Psychology; October, 2005

Bryant College, Distinguished Speaker Series; March, 2004

American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences; May, 2002.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, April, 2001.