



## **INTERPERSONAL AND FAMILY COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP 2024 Business Meeting Minutes – *Incoherence***

2023-2024 Chair: Cimmieron F. Alvarez, Rutgers  
2023-2024 Vice-Chair: Sarah Symonds LeBlanc, Purdue University, Fort Wayne  
2022-2024 Secretary: Lauren Johnsen, University of Memphis  
Immediate Past Chair: Shawn C. Starcher, Muskingum University

Call to Order

### **I. Approval of 2023 minutes**

- a. **Moved – Lindsay Thomas**
- b. **Seconded – Kaitlin Phillips**
- c. **Approved!**

### **II. Chair Acknowledgements:** Thank you to our paper and panel readers/reviewers and session chairs!

- A. *Paper Readers/Reviewers:* Kelsey E. Binion, Leah Elizabeth Bryant, R. Amanda Cooper, Abby Ferrell, Lauren Jean Johnsen, Aimee Lau, Sarah Symonds LeBlanc, Aimee Miller-Ott, Brittney Morrissey, Samantha Quinn, Tucker Robinson, Lindsey Thomas, Olivia Watson, Erin Wehrman, Brooke Wolfe
- B. *Session Chairs:* Jonathan Baker, Bailey C. Benedict, Jody Koenig-Kellas, Raine M Kuch, Haley Nolan-Cody, Becky Roberts, Shawn C. Starcher

### **III. Program Planning Report for CSCA 2024**

- A. Filled 9 out of 10 allocated slots
- B. Session and submission numbers
  - 1. Four paper sessions
    - 17 papers submitted; 88% acceptance rate (15 papers slotted on 4 paper sessions)
  - 2. Four discussion panels/other sessions
    - 4 panels submitted; 100% acceptance rate
  - 3. Business Meeting

### **IV. Awards – congratulations to all of the winners, raucous applause was given to everyone 😊**

**Thank you to Haley for taking photos of all of the winners!**

- A. **Top Paper – *Theory of Communicative (Dis)enfranchisement: Introduction, Explication, and Application***
  - Elizabeth Ann Hintz – University of Connecticut
  - Kristina M. Scharp – Rutgers University

- B. **Dawn O. Braithwaite Award for Qualitative Research** – *“Talk to Them Like a Baby”: Memorable Messages Young Adults Recall About People with Invisible Disabilities*
- Olivia Watson – University of Missouri-Columbia
  - Astrid Villamil – University of Missouri-Columbia
  - Brooke Wolfe – Michigan State University
  - Kendal Catherine Lyssy – University of Missouri-Columbia
- C. **Nancy Burrell Award for Top Student Paper** – *Political Communication Apprehension: Clarifying and Studying an Incoherent Concept for Future Study*
- Ant Woodall – University of Oklahoma
- D. **Top Panel Award** – Engaging Translational Opportunities for Interpersonal and Family Communication Scholarship
- Shawn C. Starcher – Muskingum University
  - Dawn O. Braithwaite – University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  - Kory Floyd – University of Arizona
  - Samantha J. Shebib – University of Alabama at Birmingham
  - Kate Magsamen-Conrad – The University of Iowa
  - Jody Koenig-Kellas – University of Nebraska-Lincoln
  - Kristina M. Scharp – Rutgers University
- E. **Top Four Paper** – *Pre-onset relational investments and dementia caregiver wellbeing: Comparing theorizing from the investment model and the theory of resilience and relational Load*
- R. Amanda Cooper – University of Connecticut
  - Chris Segrin – University of Arizona
- F. **Top Four Paper** – *Religious conversations and surface acting as predictors of relational uncertainty in (dis)confirming sibling relationships*
- Paul Schrodtt – Texas Christian University
  - Crosby G. Cobb – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## V. Elections

- A. Nominations (so far...)
1. Paper readers: Cimmiaron Alvarez, Josephine Boumis, Katy Gabryelczyk, Elizabeth Hintz, Kendal Lyssy, Haley Nolan-Cody, Natalie Pennington, Elaina Ross, Scott Sellnow-Richmond, Tsai-Shan (Sam) Shen, Shawn Starcher, Lindsey Thomas
  2. Secretary: Haley Nolan-Cody (Rutgers University)
  3. Vice-chair: Natalie Pennington (Colorado State University)
- Moved to accept the slate of nominees – Kristina Scharp moved, Amanda Cooper seconded.**
- Slate was accepted, congratulations to all of the winners 😊**
- B. Nominations from the floor (...please feel free to self-nominate)
1. Paper readers:
  2. Secretary:
  3. Vice-chair:

## VI. Announcements

**HOORAY Sarah Symonds Leblanc was nominated for Member-at-Large!!**

**Reconciliation: The Final Step in achieving Nonviolent Social Change – consider submitting to this book, would love to see interpersonal and family scholarship represented!**

**Special Issue – Advancing Qualitative Methods and Theorizing in the Journal of Communication, deadline is July 15 (full papers!)**

**NCA submissions to Family Comm were strong! Good job people 😊**

**Casing the Family (Second Edition) – PDFs are potentially forthcoming for the contributors – Sarah will be sending a strongly worded letter to the publishers!**

**Consider applying to the Sandra Petronio CPM Dissertation Fellowship**

**Family Communication Awards – run through NCA platform, rather than emailing individual people – end of May, look for emails!**

## **VII. New Business**

A. Passing the (metaphorical) gavel to our new chair: Sarah Symonds LeBlanc

1. CSCA 2025 Conference Dates – **April 1–6, 2025**

2. Information from First Vice-president –

- 2025 Theme: **Widening the Scope**
- Conference hotel: **Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, OH**
- Deadline for Submissions: **October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

b. Discussion

**Political Comm – interdisciplinary panel, potentially a political and interpersonal and family culture**

**Research – widen the scope of methodological underpinnings and mixed methodologies**

**Preconference – translating research for the public**

**Expanding the scope for translating to students and bring students into the conversation**

**Interdisciplinary journals and work – expanding beyond communication folks**

**NCA – look for fatherhood preconference and panels**

**Widening the scope of who you invite to be on your panels – go beyond your usual folks**

**THANKS CIMMI FOR YOUR HARD WORK!**

**VIII. Election Results – see earlier in these minutes, the slate was approved with no additional nominees from the floor**

## **IX. Adjournment**

**Moved – Ant Woddall**

**Seconded – Andrew Ledbetter**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:54am 😊**