



**INTERPERSONAL AND FAMILY COMMUNICATION INTEREST GROUP**  
**2025 Business Meeting Agenda – *Widening the Scope***  
**April 3, 2025 Cincinnati, OH**

2024-2025 Chair: Sarah Symonds LeBlanc, Purdue University, Fort Wayne  
2023-2024 Vice-Chair: Natalie Pennington, Colorado State University  
2022-2024 Secretary: Haley Nolan-Cody, Rutgers University  
Immediate Past Chair: Cimmiaron Alvarez, Rutgers University

Call to Order

- I. Approval of 2024 minutes**
  - A. Moved** – Cimmiaron Alvarez
  - B. Seconded** – Colter Ray
  - C. Approved!**
  
- II. Chair Acknowledgements:** Thank you to our paper and panel readers/reviewers and session chairs!
  
- III. Program Planning Report for CSCA 2025**
  - A. 8 slots allotted (down two from the prior year)
  - B. Session and submission numbers
    1. Business Meeting (one slot)
      1. One discussion panel submitted, accepted (one slot)
      2. All papers submitted were accepted (filled one top paper panel + 4 other paper panels)
      3. Created one more discussion panel to fill last slot
  
- IV. Awards – congratulations to all of the winners, raucous applause was given to everyone 😊**
  - A. **Top Paper** – "'Dementia is...' Influences of Family Caregivers' Narrative Sensemaking on Depression, Stress, and Caregiver Burden"
    - R. Amanada Cooper, University of Connecticut
  - B. **Dawn O. Braithwaite Award for Qualitative Research** – "Widows' Advice for Providing and Receiving Social Support"
    - James Robinson, University of Tampa
    - Colter Ray, University of Tampa
  - C. **Nancy Burrell Award for Top Student Paper** – "Communicative Predictors and Outcomes of Perceived Parental (Non)Accommodation Among Chinese Christian Immigrants/Migrants"
    - Jinwen Yue, University of Missouri
  - D. **Top Four Papers**

- "'Dementia is... ' Influences of Family Caregivers' Narrative Sensemaking on Depression, Stress, and Caregiver Burden (Top Paper)" R. Amanda Cooper, University of Connecticut
- "Communicative Predictors and Outcomes of Perceived Parental (Non)Accommodation Among Chinese Christian Immigrants/Migrants (Nancy Burrell Award for Top Student Paper)" Jinwen Yue, University of Missouri "Problematic Intrapersonal Messages Associated with Interpersonal Loneliness: An Exploratory Study" Kory Floyd, University of Arizona; Colter Ray, University of Tampa; Josephine K. Boumis, University of South Florida
- "Widows' Advice for Providing and Receiving Social Support (Dawn O. Braithwaite Award for Qualitative Research)" James Robinson, University of Tampa; Colter Ray, University of Tampa
- "Young Adults' Relational Turbulence with Parents as a Function of Parent Involvement in Their Romantic Relationship: A Conditional Process Analysis" Paul Schrodtt, Texas Christian University; Emily Stager, Texas Christian University

## V. Elections and Results

- A. Nominations (including those from the floor)
1. Vice-chair: Brooke Wolfe, Michigan State University  
Moved to close and accept Brooke – Kaitlyn Phillips moved, Cimmiaron Alvarez seconded. Accept Brooke by acclamation. Approved.
  2. Paper readers: Cimmiaron Alvarez (Rutgers), Josephine Boumis (South Florida), Michelle Matter (Crown College), Olivia Watson (Michigan State), Kendall Lyssy (Missouri), R. Amanda Cooper (Connecticut), Sarah Symonds LeBlanc (Purdue University, Fort Wayne), Yoo Jung (Erika) Oh (Michigan State), Sofia Deathridge (Missouri)  
Moved to close and accept the slate, Cimmiaron Alvarez. Seconded by Allison Thorson. Slate was accepted, congratulations to all of the winners!

## VI. Announcements

- A. Kaitlyn Phillips shared a reminder to consider nominating themselves for NCA awards within the Family Communication Division. NCA has centralized awards through their platform this year, it is due by May 15 ([see here](#)).
- B. Allison Thorson shared that there is a special issue for the Journal of Family Communication coming out about adverse childhood experiences ([see here](#)). Deadline to submit an abstract is May 15, full articles due in 2026.
- C. Sarah Symonds LeBlanc shared a reminder about the Petronio Communication Privacy Management Theory (CPMT) Dissertation Fellowship ([see here](#)).

## VII. New Business

- A. Passing the (metaphorical) gavel to our new chair: Natalie Pennington
- B. CSCA 2026 Information
  1. CSCA 2026 Conference Dates – April 14–19, 2026
  2. Key Details

- 2026 Theme: *Translate!*
  - Conference Location: Minneapolis, MN
  - Deadline for Submissions: October 10, 2025
3. Conference Ideas from Audience
- We might try to connect with National Council on Family Research (NCFR) as they are headquartered out of Minneapolis. Encouraged to talk with Tara McManus (who chairs the Family Communication division for NCFR).
  - Conversation about opportunities for mentoring occurred, with the conclusion that it would be difficult to sustain a formal program at this level, but that we could better support opportunities through NCA and IARR.
  - Conversation about networking opportunities. Tiffany Wang had shared that divisions could slot “off site” social events into the program. We plan to look into different ideas, Natalie will send a survey for interest in the fall. Ideas offered included: going to a baseball or basketball game, happy hour, coffee, and/or lawn golf.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Moved – Cimmiaron Alvarez

Seconded – Paul Schrodtt

Meeting adjourned at 2:23pm