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## Education

PhD., Communication Studies, 2005. University of Texas at Austin  
Dissertation topic: Opening the Ex Files: Using Coorientation Theory to Examine Romantic Partners' Perceptions of Talk about Relational History  
Chair: Dr. Anita L. Vangelisti

M.A., Communication, 2000. The Ohio State University  
Thesis topic: Partner Violence: A Longitudinal Analysis of Relational Outcome  
Chair: Dr. Laura Stafford

B.A., Communication, 1997. The Ohio State University

## Publication

Stafford, L., Kline, S.L., & Rankin, C.T. (2004). A longitudinal study of cohabitation and marriage: Communication, relational quality, and psychological well-being. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 21(2), 231-248.

## Conference Presentations

Rankin, C. T. *Change in Personal Relationships: Might Change Conform to Newton's Three Laws of Motion?* Poster presented at biannual International Association of Relationship Research Conference, July 2006, Crete, Greece.

Rankin, C.T. & Aguayo, A. A. *College Students' Perceptions of Casual Sex Risks and Benefits.* Symposium presented at biannual International Association of Relationship Research Conference, July 2006, Crete, Greece.

Rankin, C. T. (November, 2005). *Exploring Talk about Relational History as a Multidimensional Concept.* Paper presented at annual National Communication Association Convention, Boston, MA.

Rankin, C. T. (November, 2005). *Newton's Three Laws of Motion as Applied to Change in Personal Relationships.* Poster presented at annual National Communication Association Convention, Boston, MA.

- Rankin, C. T. (November, 2004). *Moving Forward/Looking Back: Considerations for Web-Based Family Research*. Presented at annual National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Rankin, C. T. (November, 2004). *Spotlight on Teaching Discussion Forum: Anita Vangelisti*. Presented at annual National Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Rankin, C.T. (July, 2004). Opening the ex files: Self-disclosure and relational history. Paper presented at biannual International Association of Relationship Research Conference, Madison, WI.
- Rankin, C. T. (November, 2003). *Why do we Talk about our Ex's, and Where Does it Get Us? Examining the Perceived Reasons for and Consequences of Talking about Past Relationships*. Paper presented at annual National Communication Association Conference, Miami, FL.
- Rankin, C. T. & Aguayo, A.J. (November, 2003). *Meeting Them Where They Live: Designing Public Service Announcements for Young Adults Contemplating Casual Sex*. Paper presented at annual National Communication Association Conference, Miami, FL.
- Rankin, C.T. (May, 2003). *It's Not What You Did, It's What I Thought You Were Feeling When You Did It*. Paper presented at annual International Communication Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Mitchell-Turner, M. M., D'Urso, Scott C., Rankin, C.T., & Callish, P. (May, 2003). *Cognition during Conflict: The Impact of Communication Medium and Perceived Intentions on Attributions*. Paper presented at annual International Communication Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Rankin, C.T. (November, 2002). *Among Cheerleaders and Firemen: Developing 'Normal' Relationships in an Internet Chat Room*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Rankin, C.T. (July, 2002). *Perceptions of Risky Sexual Behavior: Personal and Social Benefits and Costs of One-Night Stands*. Paper presented at the International Conference for Personal relationships conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- Rankin, C.T. (November, 2001). *Talking about Ex's: Features, Emotions, and Consequences of Talking about Past Partners*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association annual conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Mitchell, M.M., Rankin, C.T., D'Urso, S. C., & Malone, P. (July, 2001). *Conflict Avoidance On-line: Relationship Saver or Egregious Error?* Paper presented at the International Network of Personal Relationships conference, Prescott, AZ.

Rankin, C.T., (July, 2001). *An Integrative Look at Partner Violence and Social Support*. Paper presented at the International Network of Personal Relationships conference, Prescott, AZ.

Rankin, C. T., & Stafford, L. (July, 2001). *The Long-Term Effects of Partner Violence: The Individual and the Relationship*. Paper presented at the International Conference for Personal Relationships conference, Prescott, AZ.

Mitchell, M.M., Rankin, C.T., D'Urso, S. C., & Callish, P. (May, 2001). *The Impact of Intention to Handle Conflict Face-to-Face or Via E-mail on Perceived Conflict Resolution Styles*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, Seoul, Korea.

Stafford L.L., Kline S. L. & Rankin, C.T. (November, 2000). *The Transition from Cohabitation to Marriage: Changes in Communication*. Paper presented at National Communication Association annual conference, Seattle, WA.

Rankin, C.T. (November, 2000). *The Role of Social Support and Social Participation in Facilitating Exit from Physically Violent Relationships*. Paper presented at National Communication Association annual conference, Seattle, WA.

Stafford, L. L., Perry, B. A. & Rankin, C.T. (November, 1999). *Relational Dependency, Equity, and Perceptions of Partner's Maintenance Behaviors*. National Communication Association annual conference, Chicago, IL.

## **Teaching Experience**

Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky 2004- present  
Courses Taught: Graduate

CJT 631 Proseminar in Interpersonal Communication

Courses Taught: Undergraduate

COM 365 Introduction to Communication Research Methods

COM 452: Studies in Interpersonal Communication

COM 482: Studies in Persuasion

COM 454: Honors Seminar in Communication: Communication and Perception

Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at Austin 2000-2004

Courses Taught:

Team-Based Communication

Business and Professional Speaking,

Adjunct Faculty, Texas State University at San Marcos (formerly Southwest Texas State University) 2003-2004

Course Taught:

Communication Research Methods and Theories

Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University 1997-2000

Courses Taught:

Interpersonal Communication

Advanced Public Speaking

### **Current advisee**

Catherine Crank

University of Kentucky

Degree sought: MA

Major topic areas: Interpersonal violence and relationship dialectics

### **Honors**

Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2002-2003

Honored Faculty, Faculty Appreciation, Chi Omega Sorority, University of Texas at Austin, February, 2003

### **Departmental Service**

Faculty Advisor, Communication Honor Society, University of Kentucky, 2006-present

Member, Ad-Hoc Cohort Committee, Department of Communication, University of Kentucky, 2006-Present

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Communication, University of Kentucky, 2006-Present

Member, Resource Committee, Department of Communication, University of Kentucky, 2005- 2006

Member, Appeals and Placement Committee, Department of Communication, University of Kentucky, 2004- 2005

Colloquia Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2003-2004

Graduate Student Faculty Representative, Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2002- 2003

Secretary, Communication Studies Graduate Community, Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin 2001-2002

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, School of Journalism and Communication, The Ohio State University, 1999-2000

Chair, New Student Handbook Committee, School of Journalism and Communication, The Ohio State University, 1999

Parliamentarian, Council of Graduate Students, School of Journalism and Communication, The Ohio State University, 1998-1999

### **Professional Association Service**

Conference Submission Reviewer, Interpersonal Division, National Communication Association, 2004-2005

New Professional Representative, Executive Committee, International Association for Relationship Research 2001-2003

At-Large Student Representative, Executive Committee, International Network of Personal Relationships, 2000-2001

### **Community Service**

Mentor, Girls in Science, Lexington KY (2005- present)

### **Invited Lectures and Presentations**

*Intimate Violence: When Conflict Turns Violent.* For CMS 315, Interpersonal Communication Theory, an introductory undergraduate course serving 500+ students, University of Texas at Austin. April, 2003.

*Love, Passion, and Commitment in Personal Relationships.* For CMS 386M, Introduction to Interpersonal Theory, a graduate course serving 20 students, University of Texas at Austin. October, 2002.

*Getting in to Grad School.* For National Communication Association Student Club, University of Texas at Austin, October, 2001.

*Is Grad School for You?* For National Communication Association Student Club, University of Texas at Austin, October, 2001.

*Couple Communication During Conflict.* For CMS 354, Conflict Resolution, an upper-division undergraduate course serving 75 students, University of Texas at Austin. August, 2001.

### **Professional Affiliations**

National Communication Association 1998-present

International Communication Association 2000- present

International Network of Personal Relationships (1998- 2001)

International Association for Relationship Research (2001- present)