



**Happy New Year from the Interpersonal Communication Interest Group (ICIG)!**  
***News from your 2011-2012 Western States Communication Association ICIG Chair***

The 2012 Western States Communication Association annual convention is fast approaching. The convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from February 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that pre-registration for the conference ends on January 15<sup>th</sup>. For detailed information about WSCA and the 2012 convention, please go to the WSCA website at: [www.westcomm.org](http://www.westcomm.org).

A preliminary copy of the convention program is available online at: <http://www.westcomm.org/conventions/WSCA-2012-Albuquerque/WSCAprogram.pdf>. The convention program provides an abundance of information related to the 2012 WSCA convention, from business and committee meetings to social events around Albuquerque. The online program provides a synopsis of important WSCA events and meetings on pages 10-12. For your information, I have attached a list of all ICIG panels/meetings. Please support our members and visit these panels!

### 2011-2012 Year in Review

#### ***ICIG submissions & acceptances***

First and foremost, we would like to thank all those who submitted their fine work to the interpersonal communication interest group! Three panel and 30 competitive papers were submitted (1 paper was pulled by the author before the reviewing process began). A total of 29 competitive papers and 3 panel proposals were reviewed by three paper readers and given an overall rating (0-100), ranking (rank order), and yes/no vote. Based on the decision rule used by the division in recent years, at least two "Yes" votes were needed to be paneled. Those with two "No" votes were automatically rejected. This year, seven (7) competitive papers were rejected based on the number of "No" votes. Thus, a total of 22 competitive papers were paneled (76% acceptance rate). Of the 3 panels submitted, 2 were accepted. Including the business meeting, 10 panel slots were requested, and allocated, to the ICIG this year.

#### ***Interpersonal Spotlight Panel***

Given the slightly lower number of submissions this year, relative to previous years (i.e., 53 submissions for WSCA in Denver, 2008, and 38 submissions for Phoenix, 2009), I solicited and created a 'spotlight' panel I thought would be of particular interest to the membership. A number of leading communication scholars were invited to discuss the *current status of theory in interpersonal communication scholarship: how theory has developed, progressed, and changed*. The spotlight panel is the first ICIG panel of the conference on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., right before the ICIG business meeting.

#### ***ICIG Business Meeting***

The ICIG business meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in Enchantment C. The Top Four Paper panel will immediately follow the ICIG business meeting (1:00 p.m.) Please send additional business meeting agenda items to Kendra Knight (the ICIG Secretary) at: [Kendra.knight@asu.edu](mailto:Kendra.knight@asu.edu)

### **Call for nominations**

The Bylaws allow for officer nominations to be taken prior to the conference (as well as from the floor during the business meeting). Please consider nominating yourself or your colleagues for Chair-elect (will serve as the 2014 ICIG program planner), Secretary (2012-2013), or paper reader (2013). If you decide to nominate someone other than yourself, please first ensure their willingness to serve. If a nominee will not be able to attend the business meeting, they must provide a letter to the 2012 chair, Melissa Tafoya, confirming their willingness to serve. Please send all nomination and/or confirmation letters to: [meltafoya@gmail.com](mailto:meltafoya@gmail.com) or [icig@live.com](mailto:icig@live.com).

### **Congratulations**

*Many congratulations are due to our interest group members.*

#### **2012 Top ICIG Papers:**

Relational Communication and Mother-Adolescent Daughter Relationships **\*(Top Paper)**  
Jennifer A. Cummings, University of Utah

Privacy Management and Self-Disclosure: The Mediating Role of Emotional Competence  
Colin Hesse, University of Missouri-Columbia  
Emily A. Rauscher, University of Missouri-Columbia

An Experimental Investigation of Cybersafety Promotion and Cyberbullying Prevention for Parents of Middle School Students  
Douglas M. Deiss, Arizona State University  
Matthew W. Savage, Arizona State University  
Leslie Ramos Salazar, Arizona State University  
Jen Eden, Northern Illinois University  
Anthony Roberto, Arizona State University

Exploring Facebook: The Role of Nonverbal Cues and Attachment Style in the Experience of Emotion. **\*(Top Student Paper)**  
Christina Fleuriet, Arizona State University  
Megan Cole, Arizona State University

Christina Yoshimura, our immediate past ICIG chair, will be responding to these outstanding papers during the Top Four Paper panel!

### **Special Thanks and Gratitude**

Importantly, the ICIG would like to recognize and thank this year's paper readers. Each reader evaluated approximately 13 competitive papers and 1-2 panel proposals, distinguishing the best ICIG papers and graciously providing written feedback to the authors. Special thanks go to each of the following paper readers for their skilled and efficient work:

- Douglas M. Deiss, Jr., Arizona State University
- Leslie Ramos Salazar, Arizona State University
- Jennifer Marmo, Arizona State University
- Veronica Hefner, Ph.D., Chapman University
- Justin Boren, Ph.D., Santa Clara University
- Kory Floyd, Ph.D., Arizona State University
- Jennifer Bevan, Ph.D., Chapman University

We would also like to thank those who offered to serve as respondents and panel chairs. The quality of our panels depends in no small measure on your service.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Bill Sharkey (our ICIG website editor) who has had the thankless job of maintaining & updating our website since 2001. We are very grateful for the time he has dedicated to the ICIG website over the past 10+ years!

### ***Hotel Information***

The Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, adjacent to Albuquerque Convention Hotel Center, is a 22-story office tower with 25,000 sq.-ft. retail arcade, near Old Town, the Museum of Natural History and Albuquerque Museum. The Hyatt Regency is only 5 miles from the Albuquerque International Airport. WSCA secured an amazing room rate for the 2012 convention, \$139.00 per night. Please use the link below to reserve a room:

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=3434442](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3434442)

### ***Albuquerque Events & Attractions***

The history and culture of New Mexico can be explored through a number of ½ and full day excursions offered on Friday and Saturday. The Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference will be held on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Make sure to mark your calendars for the Sock Hop (Sunday 9-11 p.m.), the Keynote presentation (Monday 10:00 a.m. – 11:20) and Convention luncheon (Monday 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.).

### ***WSCA websites***

For more WSCA and interest group news, please go to: <http://wscanews.org/>. You can follow the 2012 convention on Facebook. Join the convention Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/121809851237519/>.

ICIG by-laws, newsletters, and officer information can be found on the Interpersonal Communication Interest Group website at: [http://www2.hawaii.edu/~sharkey/wsc\\_a\\_icig/wsc\\_a\\_icig\\_home.htm](http://www2.hawaii.edu/~sharkey/wsc_a_icig/wsc_a_icig_home.htm).

Contact information for ICIG officers is provided below. Please feel free to contact Melissa Tafoya (the ICIG Chair) with any questions, comments, and/or concerns. If you have information you would like added to the February ICIG newsletter and/or business meeting agenda, please contact Kendra Knight (the ICIG Secretary).

See you in Albuquerque!

Best regards,  
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