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EDUCATION

San Diego State University, School of Communication, San Diego, CA

Master of Arts, communication studies, expected 2027

Master's Thesis (Comm):

Committee: Dr. Matthew Savage, Dr. Heather Canary, Dr. Howie Giles

University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Communication, Santa Barbara, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, **with Distinction in the Major and College Honors**, Emphasis on Communication Technology and Interpersonal Communication, 2025

Senior Honors Thesis (Comm): Sweet Texting: Examining Dyadic Rapport in AI-Mediated Texting Dynamics, Humans' AI-Detections, and the Perceived Identity Invisible Effect (HSSB 1201A), 09/2024-06/25

Honors Thesis Advisor: Dr. Norah Dunbar, With \$750 Research Grant

Dean's Honors: Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2025

PUBLICATIONS

Giles, H., & Huang, L. Humor and laughter in the classroom: A communication accommodation perspective. Psychology of Language and Communication, under review.

Huang, L. Sweet Texting: Examining Dyadic Rapport in AI-Mediated Texting Dynamics, Humans' AI-Detections, and the Perceived Identity Invisible Effect. Journal of Language and Social Psychology, submitted.

Huang, L. Sweet Dating: Examining Attitudes, Social Norms, Behavioral Control, and Intentions to Leverage AI Use When Engaging in Online-Dating Processes, in preparation.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Project: *The Captain is Dead* (Ongoing)

01/2025–06/2025. Volunteer under Dr. Norah Dunbar, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Responsibilities included moderating for the game, providing technical support, and assisting with pilot testing.

Research Assistant, Project: *Technology and Retreat* (Ongoing)

09/2024–06/2025. Worked with Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, Graduate Director, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Conducted qualitative coding and analysis using Atlas.ti.

Research Assistant, Project: Theory for Concertive Control in Computer-Mediated Communication (Ongoing)

03/2024–06/2025. Worked with Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, Graduate Director, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Cleaned data and performed qualitative analyses to provide theoretical insights.

Research Assistant, Project: Theory for Global Team Isolation (Ongoing)

06/2024–06/2025. Collaborated with Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, Graduate Director, and her global research team, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Conducted detailed literature reviews for qualitative pre-analysis.

Research Assistant, Project: Technologies vs. In-Person Love Communications (Ongoing)

12/2023–10/2024. Worked with Dr. Amy Gonzales, Research Laboratory A, 4015 SS&MS Building, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Served as experimenter and experimenter trainer; revised experimenter scripts and participant prompts; provided technology support and selected recording software for dyadic audio and textual conversations.

Research Assistant, Project: Technology Support Infrastructure in Santa Barbara County (Ongoing)

12/2023–10/2024. Worked with Dr. Amy Gonzales, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Collected over 70 responses in Santa Maria, participated in field data collection with Dr. Gonzales (2/12/2024), and completed data entry for the collected responses.

Research Assistant, Project: Evaluating Non-Profit Digital Equity Interventions (Ongoing)

12/2023–10/2024. Worked with Dr. Amy Gonzales, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Cleaned and transcribed project interviews, explored intervention policy ideas, created Excel sheets for team data tracking, and coded qualitative data.

Research Assistant, Project: Evaluating Digital Equity and Race (Ongoing)

12/2023–10/2024. Worked with Dr. Amy Gonzales, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Conducted a comprehensive literature review.

Research Assistant, Project: The Benefits of Virtual Reality for Older Adults with Mild to Moderate Cognitive Impairment (Published)

09/2023–12/2023. Worked with Dr. Chris Otmar and Dr. Norah Dunbar, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Completed human subjects training; coded nonverbal behaviors using Excel; conducted content analysis; and assisted Dr. Otmar's dissertation research.

Research Assistant, Project: Interpersonal Communication

03/2023–07/2023. Worked with Qing Huang and Dr. Andy Merolla, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Coded data using a codebook, completed reliability testing, conducted content analysis, and analyzed data using SPSS.

Research Assistant, Project: No Response? Chronemic Expectancy Violation and Relational Turbulence in Technologically-Mediated Romantic Relational Conflict

(Published in JSPP)

03/2023–07/2023. Worked with Qing Huang and Dr. Andy Merolla, Department of Communication, UCSB.

Performed data analyses using SPSS mediation/moderation models, examined relationships among variables, and conducted content analysis.

Paid Research Assistant, *Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of California, Santa Barbara* — Project: “A Victorious Afro-Hispanic Theatrical Presence: Victoria Santa Cruz Gamarra and Blackness” (Academic Senate Research Grant)

12/2023–01/2024. Worked with Prof. Silvia Bermúdez, former Department Chair. Photocopied 26 articles and 11 book chapters to prepare PDFs; reviewed project updates for *Remembering Victoria Santa Cruz (1922–2014)* by Heidi Carolyn Feldman; and produced a detailed report on commemorative activities in Peru and the U.S.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, *Comm 103: Oral Communication*, San Diego State University, 2025.

Taught small sections, graded speeches and papers, and provided instruction for 66 students.

Instructor, *Comm 321: Health Communication*, San Diego State University, 2025.

Graded papers and assignments, and assisted the course professor with instruction for 80 students

ACADEMIC AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

Board Members of Lambda Pi Eta, Pi Xi Chapter

Panelist for the 19th JLSP’s ICALSP invited by Dr. Howard Giles

Volunteer, *College of Letters and Science, UCSB*, completed 50 hours of cumulative service, supporting college programs and student engagement.

Mentor, *Honors Program, College of Letters and Science, UCSB*, mentored over six students in a period of 4 years.

HONORS/AWARDS

Dean’s Honors List, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Winter 2024, Spring 2025

Academic Engagement Award, June 2025

Chapter of the Year Award, Lambda Pi Eta, Pi Xi Chapter, National Communication Association

Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient, *University of California, Santa Barbara*
\$750 grant awarded to support independent research, January 2025.

Recruitment Scholarship Recipient, *School of Communication, San Diego State University*
\$500 recruitment scholarship awarded, July 2025.

Academic Senate Research Grant Recipient, *University of California, Santa Barbara*
\$350 grant supporting research assistance for Dr. Silvia Bermúdez, 2023.

External Research Grant Recipient, *University of California, Santa Barbara*
\$250 grant (PI: Dr. Silvia Bermúdez), March 2024.

External Grant Recipient, *University of California, Santa Barbara*
\$100 grant awarded by Dr. Silvia Bermúdez, October 2024.

CFF (Associated Students' Community Financial Fund) Grant Recipient, *University of California, Santa Barbara*, \$200 grant, September 2023.

Educational Program Development Grant Recipient, *University of California, Santa Barbara*
\$174.70 grant to develop three educational housing programs, Fall 2024.

Honors Seminar: *Afro-Peruvian Identities: Combating Racism in Present-Day, Understanding Men's Support for Gender Equality, Support Academic Freedom and Uphold Human Rights, Classical Music and Opera: An Introduction to Live Performances, Honors Session for Eng104A, Honors Session for Class 40, Honors Contract in Technology and Relationship, Honors Contract in Soc/Hist Evolution Technology*, Fall 2021–Fall 2024

REFERENCES

Dr. Jennifer Gibbs: email; 732-947-0484

Dr. Norah Dunbar: email; 805-893-4860

Dr. Howard Giles, email; 805-967-9626

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