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RESEARCH INTEREST

- Interpersonal Outcomes From Humans' use of technology-mediated communication (e.g., AI-Mediated Communication)
- Intervention on technology-based media platforms
- Identity and message-based deception and detection in CMC and AI-MC
- Research Advisors: **Dr. Howie Giles (Coauthor/mentor)**, Dr. Jennifer Gibbs (mentor), Dr. Norah Dunbar (thesis advisor), Dr. Amy Gonzales, Dr. Chris Otmar (mentor)
- Paid Research Assistant to Former Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and *PI*: Dr. Silvia Bermúdez (mentor)

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), Santa Barbara, CA

- Major: Bachelor of Arts in Communication, **with Distinction in the Major and Honors**, Emphasis on Communication Technology and Interpersonal Communication
06/2025
- 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 Expected 01/2025
- Honors: Honors Distinction, Communication Department, COMM **Distinction and Honors** 03/2023-Present
Honors Program, College of Letters & Science. 09/2021-Present
- Dean's Honors: Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2025

San Diego State University (SDSU), San Diego, CA

- Major: Master of Arts in Communication Studies Expected 05/2027
- Master's Thesis (Comm): Expected 2027
- Advisor: Dr. Heather Canary

Publications

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

Giles, H., Huang, L. Communication accommodation theory and humor in the classroom. *Journal of Behavioral Sciences*

■ **University of California, Santa Barbara, Dept of Communication**, Santa Barbara, CA

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

ASSISTED RESEARCH PROJECTS (8-10 hrs/week)

■ **University of California, Santa Barbara, Dept of Communication**, Santa Barbara, CA

- **Project: The Captain is Dead (Ongoing)**
Research assistant to **Dr. Norah Dunbar (Volunteer)** 01/2025-06/25
Research Duty: Moderating for the game; technical support; pilot testing
- **Project: Technology and Retreat (Ongoing)** 09/2024-06/25
Research assistant to **Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, graduate director**
Research Duty: Atlas. TI qualitative coding, Qualitative analysis.
- **Project: Theory for Concertive Control in Computer-Mediated Communication (Ongoing)** 03/2024-06/25
Research assistant to **Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, graduate director**
Research Duty: Cleaned data and conducted qualitative analysis to offer theoretical insights.
- **Project: Theory for Global Team Isolation (Ongoing)** 06/2024-06/25
Research assistant to **Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, graduate director, and her global collaborators**

Research Duty: Conducting detailed literature reviews for qualitative pre-analysis.

- **Project: Technologies vs. In-person Love Communications (Ongoing)** 12/2023-10/2024
Research assistant to Dr. Amy Gonzales | Research Laboratory A 4015 SS&MS Bldg
 Research Duty: Experimenter. Experimenter Trainer. Revising the experimenter's script. Revising participant prompts. Technology support and software selection for recording dyads' audio and textual conversation.
- **Project: Technology Support Infrastructure in Santa Barbara County (Ongoing)** 12/2023-10/2024
Research assistant to Dr. Amy Gonzales
 Research Duty: Data Collection in Santa Maria gathered more than 70 responses. Hands-on experience with Dr. Amy Gonzales, to Santa Maria on 2/12/2024 to conduct research and collect data. Data entry for collected data.
- **Project: Evaluating Non-Profit Digital Equity Interventions (Ongoing)** 12/2023-10/2024
Research assistant to Dr. Amy Gonzales
 Research Duty: Cleaning and transcribing project interviews. Exploring ideas of Intervention policies. Created Excel sheets detailing the interviews for the research group. Coding data.
- **Project: Evaluating Digital Equity and Race (Ongoing)** 12/2023-10/2024
Research assistant to Dr. Amy Gonzales
 Research Duty: Conducting a literature review.
- **Project: The Benefits of Virtual Reality for Older Adults with Mild to Moderate Cognitive Impairment (Published)** 09/2023-12/2023
Research assistant to Dr. Chris Otmar and Dr. Norah Dunbar
 Research Duty: Completing human subjects training, coding nonverbal behavior with Excel and research materials, content analysis, and learning research Methods. Helping Dr. Otmar's dissertation.
- **Project: Interpersonal communication.** 03/2023-07/2023
Research Assistant to Qing Huang and Dr. Andy Merolla
 Research duty: Coding data with the codebook. Completing reliability test. Content analysis. Organizing data and analyzing it with SPSS. Literature review.
- **Project: No response? Chronemic expectancy violation and relational turbulence in technologically-mediated romantic relational conflict (JSPR published)** 03/2023-07/2023
Research Assistant to Qing Huang and Dr. Andy Merolla
 Research duty: Data analysis: running mediation/moderation models with SPSS, developing possible correlations between 3/7 variables. Data Coding. Content analysis. Helped identify possible mediation/moderation relationships.
- **University of California, Santa Barbara, Dept of Spanish and Portuguese, Santa Barbara, CA**
- **Project: "A Victorious Afro-Hispanic Theatrical Presence: Victoria Santa Cruz Gamarra and Blackness," funded through an Academic Senate Research Grant** 12/2023-1/2024
Paid Research Assistant to Prof. Silvia Bermúdez, former department chair
 Research Duty: Essential Duties of the Job / Frequency of Tasks: Daily / Weekly upon supervisor-direction. 1. Photocopying 26 articles and 11 book chapters to prepare PDFs to submit regarding the "Black Pacific, Peru, Victoria Santa Cruz, his brother Nicomedes Santa Cruz, and the entire Santa Cruz Gamarra family. 2. Carefully revise the project updates for REMEMBERING VICTORIA SANTA CRUZ (1922-2014) by scholar Heidi Carolyn Feldman. 3. Produce a detailed report of the present status of each one of the activities celebrated in Peru and the USA (point 2).

AWARD AND HONORS PROGRAM

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- As Board Members of Lambda Pi Eta, Pi Xi Chapter, we received the Chapter of the Year Award by the National Communication Association
 - Dean's Honors List: Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
 - Academic Engagement Award June 2025
 - 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

- Technology and Relationship: Honors Contract with Dr. Joe Walther, A+, giving a presentation to the class about the ethnographical journey in exploring AI-mediated communication. (Dr. Walther offered grant for the project) *Winter 2024*
- Soc/hist Evolution Technology: Honors Contract with Dr. Andrew Flanagan, developing Emerging Technology Reactance Avoidance Model, in understanding why humans avoid adopting certain technologies.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KD9s52O17614yAyeCqdLIEJP3EhQwf5U2Botl-oWXjQ/edit?usp=sharing> *Winter 2024*
- Wrote the paper with Dr. David Lawson, titled Understanding Men's Support For Gender Equality, data analysis, recruiting participants and leading the focus group *04/2022*
- Freeing Patrick Zaki, supporting academic freedom in social movements using media platforms *Fall 2022*
- Actively led the discussion groups in digging into the importance of Afro-Peruvian cultures, including music, poems, traditions, and more *Winter 2021*

COURSEWORK

Technology and Relationship, Social/Historical Coevolution and Technology, Social Media Controversy, Technology and Collaboration, Organizational Communication, Introduction to Communication, Theories of Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Senior Honors research in the Communication Department, Communication Law, Independent Research, Research Method, Topology, Computer Science, Methods of Analysis, Intro to Linear Algebra, Vector Calculus with Applications, Stochastic Differential Equations, Principles Econ Micro/Macro, Algebra with Applications

Teaching

- Comm 103 (Oral Communication) at SDSU 66 students *2025*
- Comm 321 (Health Communication) at SDSU 80 students *2025*

WORK & EXPERIENCES

- A \$750 Undergraduate Research Grant *01/2025*
- A 500 recruitment scholarship from SDSU, School of Communication *07/25*
- A \$350 Academic Senate Research Grant was used to support my work in assisting Dr. Silvia Bermúdez *2023*
- A \$100 external grant from Dr. Silvia Bermúdez *10/2024*
- A \$250 external research grant, *PI*: Dr. Silvia Bermúdez *03/2024*
- \$200 CFF (The Associate Students' Community Financial Fund) *09/2023*
- \$174.7 grant for developing three educational programs for housing at UC Santa Barbara *Fall 2024*
- National Communication Association Member *09/2023-Present*
- Lambda Eta Pi, National Honorary Communications Society Member *09/2023-Present*
- Lambda Eta Pi, National Honorary Communications Society Treasure/ Fundraising and Social Chair *06/2024-Present*
- UCSB College Council Active Member, California Men's D1A, issued by College Rugby Association of America. *09/2022-present*
- UCSB Data Science Club Member, organize club meetings, recreational events, and contests; coordinate seminars; assist professor and guest's lectures by preparing conference room and equipment *09/2022-Present*
- UCSB Communication Social Media Health Advisory Board Member. *11/2023- 01/2023*
- Resident Assistant, Santa Rosa Residence Hall UCSB, help build a strong community and a safe environment, promote academic success, provide support and service to residents *09/2024-present*
- Customer Service Assistant, UCSB Recreation Center staff, helped students and the community enroll in gym memberships, recreation programs, and classes, managed various inquiries, spread the importance of competent communication by making positive posts, assisted with payments, and provided customer service. Was promoted to Operations Assistant in four months due to my influential contributions *04/2023-10/2023*
- Operation Assistant, UCSB Recreation Center staff, assisted with daily operations and facility maintenance, and provided customer service. *04/2023-10/ 2023*
- Residential Dining Student Assistant, UCSB Carrilo Campus Dining Commons, food preparation, serving, and clean-up in the Dining Commons. Was promoted to Student Cook in two weeks in terms of the diligent attitude as a fast learner *11/2022-01/2023*
- UCSB Rugby College Team Athlete, NCAA D1A, winger position; organized and hosted club meetings and activities; managed and purchased equipment *09/2022-Present*
- UCSB Rock Climbing Varsity Club Member *04/2024-present*
- Amateur Writer, wrote a book titled *Show Me Myself, explaining the importance of intercultural communication; included important terms to spread communication knowledge to readers* *09/2022-present*

- One year of acting and public speaking experience *True West/The Patron Saint of the Sea Monster* 2021-2022

VOLUNTEER & SERVICE

- Head tutor of incoming students for UCSB honors program (for three years), giving one-on-one assistance to more than five honors' first-year students, helping them overcome academic and living difficulties 09/2022-Present
- The organizer of UCSB Open House Volunteering events; provided support services to incoming students and their families; introduced and demonstrated UCSB academics and campus life 03/2022-04/2022
- Nature Wellbeing Program, take care of the plants around campus to assist professors' research programs 06/2022-Present
- 50 hours of cumulative volunteering at college of L&S, UCSB 2021-2024

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Trained Experimenter/ Experimenter Trainer by Dr. Amy Gonzales at Research Laboratory A 4015 SS&MS Bldg
- Qualitative ATLAS. Ti coding
- R coding for honors thesis
- Business Communication and Law Certificate (equivalent courses)
- Experiment script and participants' prompts editing
- CPR/AED & First Aid Certificate, Professional Rescuers conducted by the American Red Cross
- Mental Health Basics Certification, issued by UCSB Health and Wellness
- Human Subject Training Certificate issued by the University of California
- Technical Skills: SPSS License, quantitative analysis, reliability tests, Python, Graphic design, Microsoft Office
- Leadership Training Design/Student Leadership Training from UCSB Housing Department
- Familiarity with research software affordances, selections, and customer service connection
- Literature review protocol
- Language: Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), Norwegian (B1)
- Hobbies and Interests: Writing, Acting, Tennis, Reading, Calligraphy