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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication Studies, University of Georgia

- Committee: Jennifer A. Samp (Chair), Jennifer Monahan, Analisa Arroyo, Steven R.H. Beach
- Focus: Interpersonal Communication Theory, Family Communication
- Dissertation Title: TBD
- Expected Graduation: May 2019

M.A., Communication Studies, University of Georgia, May 2016

- Committee: Jennifer A. Samp (Chair), Jennifer Monahan, Tina Harris
- Focus: Interpersonal Communication, Health Communication
- Thesis Title: *Grief Communication: Exploring Disclosure and Avoidance Across the Developmental Spectrum.*

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Florida, May 2014

- Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders; Minor: Communication Studies
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- Honors Thesis Title: *Characteristics of Listeners' Judgments of Stuttered Speech.*

EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (*Fall 2014-Present*)

Research Assistant

University of Georgia, Athens, GA (*Summer 2016*)

TEACHING

COMM1500: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (Instructor), Fall 2015-Present

COMM3600: Small Group Communication (Instructor), Summer 2017

COMM4500: Advanced Interpersonal Communication (Co-Instructor), Spring 2016

COMM1500: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (Graduate Teaching Assistant),
Fall 2014-Spring 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Cohen, H., & Samp, J.A. (In press). Grief communication: Exploring disclosure and avoidance across the developmental spectrum. *Western Journal of Communication*.
doi:10.1080/10570314.2017.1326622

So, J., Kim, S., & **Cohen, H.** (2016). Message fatigue: Conceptual definition, operationalization, and correlates. *Communication Monographs*, 84(1), 5-29.

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Cohen, H.** (2017). *Saving face and protecting others: Children's communication and conceptualization of stigmatic death*. Paper accepted by and to be presented to the Interpersonal Division of the Annual Conference of the National Communication Association: Dallas, TX.
- Cohen, H., & Samp, J.A.** (2016). *Grief communication: Exploring disclosure and avoidance on the developmental spectrum*. Panel accepted by and presented to the Interpersonal Division of the Annual Conference of the National Communication Association: Philadelphia, PA.
- Li, Y., **Cohen, H., & Samp, J.A.** (2016). *Stigma communication about same-sex relationships*. Paper accepted by and presented at the Annual Conference of the National Communication Association: Philadelphia, PA.
- So, J., Kim, S., & **Cohen, H.** (2016). Message fatigue: Conceptual definition, operationalization, and correlates. Paper accepted by and presented to the Health Communication Division of the International Communication Association: Fukuoka, Japan.
- Cohen, H., & Logan, K. J.** (2014). *Characteristics of listeners' identification of ambiguous and unambiguous stuttering*. Paper accepted by and presented at the Annual Convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: Orlando, FL.
- Cohen, H.** (2014). *Resilience in bereaved youth*. Paper accepted by and presented to the Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference at the Southern States Communication Association Convention: New Orleans, LA.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- Undergraduate Research Assistant Supervisor, University of Georgia (*January 2016-` May 2016*)
- Spotlight Scholar Committee Co-Chair, University of Georgia (*August 2015-May 2016*)
- Duke TIPS Scholar Program Volunteer, University of Georgia (*March 2015*)
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Florida (*August 2012-May 2014*)
- Communication Studies Ambassador, University of Florida (*August 2012-May 2014*)

OTHER SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- Undergraduate Paper Reviewer for the Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX. (*2017*)
- Undergraduate Paper Reviewer for the Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, Philadelphia, PA. (*2016*)
- Chair, *Embracing opportunities for interracial alliances and dialogue through the film "dear white people"* (2015). Panel presented at the Annual Conference of the National Communication Association: Las Vegas, NV.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Senior Children's Grief Facilitator, Tomorrow's Rainbow Inc., Coconut Creek, FL, *March 2008-May 2016*
- Underwent the three-day Dougy Center Model for Pediatric Grief Facilitation training
 - Leads peer-centered, equine-assisted grief therapy sessions for children ages 3-17

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Communication Association (*2014-present*)
- Southern States Communication Association (*2013-present*)
- National Alliance for Grieving Children (*2015-present*)
- University of Georgia Communication Studies Graduate School Forum (*2014-present*)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” National Scholarship Nominee (*To be announced June 2017*)
- University of Georgia Graduate School’s “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” Award Recipient (*January 2017*)
- Dial Center for Written and Oral Communication departmental funding to the Clevenger Undergraduate Honors Conference at the Southern States Communication Association Convention (*April 2014*)
- Dial Center Undergraduate Leadership Award (*April 2014*)
- Publication of sample writing in 2013-2014 edition of “ENC3254 Writing in Communication Sciences and Disorders” course pack (*2013*)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Departmental Panel Member, “Being An Effective Graduate Student.” Department of Communication Studies, University of Georgia, August 11, 2015.

Guest Speaker, “Their Stories Are My Story.” For Tomorrow’s Rainbow Founder Society Breakfast. Fort Lauderdale, FL, November 1, 2012. (Speech helped raise over \$15,000 on behalf of grieving children).