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Research Interests:

My research program has primarily focused on interpersonal and relational communication, specifically, in friendships. I am particularly interested in how the communication employed in potentially difficult relational events (e.g., sexual communication, jealousy, and relationship exclusivity) may damage the quality of a significant relationship and one's own physical, emotional, and psychological well-being. My dissertation tests the Regret Regulation Theory by focusing on how the social support friends communicate during sexual conversations may, in conjunction, with the experience of anticipated regret impact one's decision to participate in risky sexual behavior.

Courses Taught at Penn State:

CAS 100a: Effective Speech

CAS 100b: Effective Group Communication

CAS 203: Interpersonal Communication'

CAS 250: Small Group Communication

Teaching Award:

2007 Recipient of the Kathryn DeBoer Distinguished Teaching Award, Department of Communication Arts & Sciences

Current Duties:

Teamwork Center Coordinator, University Learning Centers

Recent Service:

President, Grad Forum

Paper Reader for the Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association

New Scholar Reviewer for the *Personal Relationships* journal