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Degrees Earned

Ph.D. in Communication, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, 2014

M.A. in Communication, University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), 2009

Peer Reviewed Publications: Articles

Xu, W.W., Chiu, I., **Chen, Y.**, & Mukherjee, T. (2014, in press). Twitter Hashtags for Health - Applying Network and Content Analyses to Understand the Health Knowledge Sharing in a Twitter-based Community of Practice. *Quality & Quantity*.

Chen, Y., & Feeley, T. H. (2014). Numeracy, information-seeking and self-efficacy in managing health: An analysis using the 2007 Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). *Health Communication*, 29(9), 843-853. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2013.807904 (**Lead Article**)
https://docs.google.com/a/buffalo.edu/file/d/0B8W9Gdz_8tZvWGNjbF83akgzazA/edit?pli=1

Chen, Y., & Feeley, T. H. (2014). Social support, social strain, loneliness, and well-being among older adults: An analysis of the Health and Retirement Study*. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 31(2), 141-161. doi: 10.1177/0265407513488728 (**Lead Article**)
An earlier version received Top Paper Award from the Health Communication Division of the 2012 Conference of the International Communication Association.
https://docs.google.com/a/buffalo.edu/file/d/0B8W9Gdz_8tZvd1pwTGxQWXJnS0U/edit?pli=1

Rui, J. R., **Chen, Y.**, & Damiano, A. (2013). Health organizations providing and seeking social support: A Twitter-based content analysis. *CyberPsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*, 16, 669-673. Doi:10.1089/cyber.2012.0350
https://docs.google.com/a/buffalo.edu/file/d/0B8W9Gdz_8tZvcWpyRFVfcXQzNms/edit

Chen, Y., & Feeley, T. H. (2012). Enacted support and well-being: A test of the mediating role of perceived control. *Communication Studies*, 63, 608-625. doi: 10.1080/10510974.2012.674619
<http://www.midus.wisc.edu/findings/pdfs/1231.pdf>

Feeley, T. H., Moon, S., & **Chen, Y.** (2012). Does publishing in high-impact journals in communication matter? *The Electronic Journal of Communication*, 22, doi:
<http://www.cios.org/EJCPUBLIC/022/1/022125.html>

Book Chapters

Feeley, T. H., Lee, S., **Chen, Y.** (2014). Communication Networks. In T. L. Thompson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Health Communication* (pp. 216-218). SAGE Publications.

Feeley, T. H., & **Chen, Y.** (2013). An Introduction to Health Communication. In B. Reynolds (Ed.), *Principles of Communication* (pp. 181-188). Hayden-McNeil Publishing, Plymouth, MI.

Media Coverage

NPR Health News: Can Fear of Cancer Keep College Kids From Binge Drinking?

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/03/25/294184369/can-fear-of-cancer-keep-college-kids-from-binge-drinking>

SUNY Science & Tech: Fear of Cancer Reduces Alcohol Consumption

<http://blog.suny.edu/2014/04/fear-of-cancer-reduces-mass-alcohol-consumption/>

Grants

- \$ 400, Travel Grant, International Communication Association, 2014
- \$ 250, Travel Grant, National Communication Association, 2013
- \$ 860, Professional Development Award, University at Buffalo, 2013
- \$ 950, Professional Development Award, University at Buffalo, 2012
- \$ 500, NCA Mentor Fund, National Communication Association, 2012
- \$ 250, Travel Grant, National Communication Association, 2012
- \$ 300, Travel Grant, International Communication Association, 2012
- \$ 300, Travel Grant, National Communication Association, 2011
- \$ 100, Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, 2011
- \$ 400, Travel Grant, International Communication Association, 2010
- \$ 400, Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, 2010

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Chen, Y. (2014, November). *Risk perception, social support, and alcohol consumption among U.S. adolescents.* Paper accepted by the 100th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Top Student Paper in the Health Communication Division.

Chen, Y., & Yang, Z. J. (2014, May). *Message Format, Numeracy, Risk Perception of Alcohol-Attributable Cancer, and Intention for Binge Drinking among College Students.* Paper presented at the 64th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Seattle, WA.

Chen, Y. (2013, November). *The relationships among communication apprehension, loneliness, online communication motivation, online communication usage and well-being: A test of the uses and gratification framework.* Paper presented at the 99th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Washington, DC.

Chen, Y. (2012, November). *The relationship between numeracy and self-efficacy in managing health: An analysis using the 2007 HINTS.* Paper presented at the 98th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Orlando, Florida.

Chen, Y. (2012, May). *Social support, social strain, loneliness and well-being: An investigation using the HRS national sample.* Paper presented at the 62nd Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Phoenix, Arizona.

Top Four Paper and Top Student Paper in the Health Communication Division.

Chen, Y. (2011, November). *The relationship between social support and well-being: An investigation using the MIDUS national sample*. Paper presented at the 97th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chen, Y. (2011, October). *Effects of enacted social support on subjective well-being*. Paper presented at the 2nd Annual Promise in Communication Research Symposium at the University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.

Chen, Y. (2010, October). *Effects of online communication, motivation and individual differences on well-being: A uses and gratification perspective*. Paper presented at the 1st Annual Promise in Communication Research Symposium at the University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.

Chen, Y. (2010, June). *International students' communication with U.S. faculty: A further examination of anxiety/uncertainty management (AUM) theory*. Paper presented at the 60th Annual International Communication Association Conference on Matters of Communication—Political, Cultural & Technological Challenges, Singapore.

Erbert, L. A., Smith, P., Alvillar, M., & **Chen, Y.** (2007, November). *An interpretive analysis of dialectical contradictions in work and family conflict*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
Top Four Paper in the Peace and Conflict Communication Division.

Work or Professional Experiences

2013 – 2014, Research Assistant, Department of Communication, University at Buffalo

2009 – 2013, Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication, University at Buffalo

Honors and Awards

- Top Student Paper Award in the Health Communication Division of the National Communication Association (100th Annual Convention), Chicago, Illinois, 2014
- Top Paper Award in the Health Communication Division of the International Communication Association, Phoenix, Arizona, 2012
- Honor of Outstanding Scholarship in Communication, University at Buffalo, 2011
- Honor of Outstanding Research in Communication, University at Buffalo, 2010
- Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Texas at El Paso, 2009
- Graduate School Banner Bearer, University of Texas at El Paso, 2009
- Recognizing Excellence in Student Media for an autobiographical story "When a Dream Comes True," Texas Intercollegiate Press Association, 2008
- Top Four Paper Award in the Peace and Conflict Communication Division of the National Communication Association, 2007
- Woman of Valor Award—An award that recognizes the remarkable journey a woman has undertaken to pursue higher education—University of Texas at El Paso, 2007
- Frank and Polly Ann Morrow Outstanding International Graduate Student Award, University of Texas at El Paso, 2007