

**Frances Brandau-Brown**  
**Curriculum Vita**  
Department of Communication Studies  
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**Education**

- Ph.D. Speech Communication, Louisiana State University, 1999  
Dissertation: "Powerless Speech: The Effects of Gender, Gendered Intensifiers and Attitudes Toward Women on Speaker Credibility"
- M.A. Communication, University of Southern Mississippi, 1994  
Thesis: "Intensifiers, Polite Forms, and Speaker Intent: Consequences for Impression Formation"
- B.S. Speech Communication, University of Southern Mississippi, 1991

**Employment**

Associate Professor & Graduate Director, Sam Houston State University, August 2005-present.  
Undergraduate Courses: interpersonal communication, communication theory, sex and gender, business and professional communication, public speaking, nonverbal communication, and small group communication.  
Graduate Courses: the dark side of interpersonal, organizational communication, and sex and gender.

Graduate Teaching Assistant Director, 2010.

Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, 2001-2005.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Southeastern Louisiana University, 1999-2001.

Instructor, Louisiana State University, August 1997-1999.

Instructor, Pearl River Community College, August 1996-1997.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Louisiana State University, August 1994-1996.

Adjunct Instructor, Pearl River Community College, 1994, 1995, Summer Sessions.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Southern Mississippi, August 1993-1994.

Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director of the Southern States Communication Association, University of Southern Mississippi, August 1992 - June 1993. Budget manager, assistant coordinator of the SSCA regional convention, and contributor to *Connections* newsletter.

### **Teaching Interests**

Interpersonal, Small Group, Communication Theory, and Nonverbal.

### **Research Interests**

Message Effects, Message Interpretation, Relational Repair, and Communication Privacy Management.

### **Publications**

Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2008). Attachment style, marital satisfaction, commitment, and communal strength effects on relational repair message interpretations among remarrieds. *Communication Quarterly*, 56, 1-16.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. & Ragsdale, J. D. (2008). Personal, moral, and structural commitment and the repair of marital relationships. *Southern Communication Journal*, 73, 68-83.  
**(Rose B. Johnson Award Nominee)**

Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2007). The panorama of Protestantism in America: From little churches on the prairie to main street. In J. D. Ragsdale (Ed.), *Structures as argument: The visual persuasiveness of museums and places of worship* (pp.75-86). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. T. (2007). Museums: A typological analysis. In J. D. Ragsdale (Ed.), *Structures as argument: The visual persuasiveness of museums and places of worship* (pp. 9- 22). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2007). Non-western visual persuasion: Chinese museums, Jewish synagogues, Buddhist temples, and Shinto shrines. In J. D. Ragsdale (Ed.), *Structures as argument: The visual persuasiveness of museums and places of worship* (pp. 87-101). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. & Ragsdale, J. D. (2007). Personal, moral, and structural commitment and the repair of marital relationships. *The Southern Communication Journal*, 72.

Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F., Thibodeaux, T. M., & Chapman, B. R. (2007) European museums as visual persuasion: A typological approach. *Intercultural Communication Studies*, 16, 145-157.

- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2007). Could relational maintenance in marriage really be like grocery shopping?: A reply to Canary and Stafford. *Journal of Family Communication*, 7, 47-60.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Thibodeaux, T., & Chapman, B. R. (2007). The role of leadership in civic education and advancement. *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform*, 13-14, 19-27.
- Chapman, B. R., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Bello, R. S., & Thibodeaux, T. (2007). Integrating environmental education and biodiversity into the university curriculum. *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform*, 13-14, 28-35.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. (2007). Instituting communication training in business and technical education. *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform*, 13-14, 201-208.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T. M. (2007). Using intercultural communication theory to build bridges between nations. In R. J. Meyer (Ed.), *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform* 13-14, 181-190.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T. M. (2007). Promoting Democratic Citizenship through public communication training. In R. J. Meyer (Ed.), *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform*, 13-14, 191-200.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., & Ragsdale, J. D., & Thibodeaux, T. (2006). Cultural perceptions of equivocation and directness II: A replication and extension of the dimensional hypothesis. *Intercultural Communication Studies*, 15, 23-32.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. & Ragsdale, J. D. (2006). Two Cultures: A gendered approach to commitment and relational repair in marriage. *Intercultural Communication Studies*, 14, 233-247.
- Bello, R., Ragsdale, J. D., Thibodeaux, T. M., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2006). Cultural Perceptions of Equivocation and Directness: Dimensional or Unique? *Intercultural Communication Studies*, 15, 180-188.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., Ragsdale, J. D., Thibodeaux, T. (2004). Toward an alternate approach to teaching intercultural exchange and negotiation: The application of universal communication axioms. *Competition Forum*, 2(1), 571-582.
- Ragsdale, J. D., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2004). Individual differences in the use of relational maintenance strategies in marriage, *Journal of Family Communication*, 5, 61-75.
- Ragsdale, J. D., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2004). Measuring relational maintenance in marriage: Theoretical and methodological issues. *Southern Communication Journal*, 69, 121-135.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2001). The effects of gendered intensifiers on perceptions of expert testimony. *Louisiana Communication Journal*, 66, 29-47.

Edwards, R., Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Hollems, D. (2001). The effects of loneliness and verbal aggressiveness on message interpretation. *Southern Communication Journal*, 66, 139-150. **(Rose B. Johnson Award Nominee)**

### **Book Reviews**

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2007). Review of P. Regan's *The mating game: A primer on love, sex, and marriage*. *Journal of Family Communication*, 7.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2003). Review of S. Petronio's *Boundaries of privacy: dialectics of disclosure*. *Southern Communication Journal*, 68, 270-271.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2002). Review of S. Petronio's *Balancing the secrets of private disclosures*. *Southern Communication Journal*, 67, 355-356 .

### **Electronic Publications**

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2003). *Student practice exam questions for Griffin's invitation to public speaking*. [www.wadsworth.com](http://www.wadsworth.com)

### **Grants**

Sam Houston State University's Research Enhancement Grant, 2002.

### **Convention Papers** (Competitively Selected)

Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S. (2009). Attachment Style and Gender as Predictors of Relational Repair Among the Remarried. Southern States Communication Association, Norfolk, VA. **(Top Paper in Communication Theory)**

Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Zhang, S., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2008, November). Verbal and nonverbal methods for showing appreciation in friendships and romantic relationships: A cross-cultural comparison. International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, Louisville, KY.

Brandau-Brown, F. E., Bello, R. S., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2008). Attachment style and tolerance for ambiguity effects on relational repair interpretation among remarrieds. Presented at the Southern States Communication Association's annual meeting, Savannah, GA. **(Top Paper in Communication Theory)**

- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2008). Integrating Theory in the Interpersonal Communication Course. Presented at the Southern States Communication Association's annual meeting, Savannah, GA.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S. (2007). The pragmatics of selecting communication strategies to repair relationships among the remarried: Influences of commitment, satisfaction, and communal strength (poster). International Pragmatics Association, Göteborg, Sweden
- Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2007). Information Manipulation Strategies in Boundary Turbulence Management: The Effects of Privacy Level, Relationship Type, and Key Dispositions. Presented at the National Communication Association's annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Ragsdale, J.D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S. (2007). Implications of Differences between Long-Term Married and Remarried Persons in the Use of Relational Repair Strategies. Presented at the Southern States Communication Association's annual meeting, Louisville, KY.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S., (2006). How do we fix it?: Comparing long-term married and remarried couples in their choices of relational repair strategies. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F., Thibodeaux, T. M., & Chapman, B. R. (2007) European museums as visual persuasion: A typological approach. International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, San Antonio, TX.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S., (2006). Attachment style in marital satisfaction, commitment, and communal strength effects on relational repair message interpretation. International Communication Association, Dresden, Germany.  
**(Top 10 Poster of 181 Poster Submissions)**
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., (2006). Who are the restorers?: Attachment style, gender, and relational repair among the remarried. International Communication Association, Dresden, Germany.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Bello, R. S., Thibodeaux, T. & Chapman, B. (2006). The museum as visual persuasion: A theoretical analysis and illustrative typology. International Communication Association, Dresden, Germany.
- Bello, R. S., Ragsdale, J. D., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2006) What do you mean by that?": Interpretation of relational repair messages as a function of equivocation level and marital satisfaction. Southern States Communication Association, April 2006, Dallas, TX.  
**(Top Paper in Communication Theory Division)**

- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2005). Workshop Presenter. Job seeking in the communication discipline. Southern States Communication Association's Annual Convention, Dallas, TX.
- Bello, R. S., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. (2005). Cultural Perceptions of Equivocation and Directness II: A Replication and Extension of the Dimensional Hypothesis. International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, Taipei, Taiwan
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2005). Workshop Presenter. Workshop on interviewing for a professorial position and negotiating the job contract. Southern States Communication Association's Annual Convention, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., Ragsdale, J. D., Thibodeaux, T. (2004). Toward an alternate approach to teaching intercultural exchange and negotiation: The application of universal communication axioms. Southern States Communication Association's Annual Convention, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2005). The media myth of superwoman: An impossible idealized image. Oxford Round Table, Oxford, England. (Both Attendance and Presentation were Competitively Selected).
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T., Chapman, B. R., Bello, R., Ragsdale, J. D. (2004). The role of leadership in civic education and advancement. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary.
- Chapman, B. R., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T., Bello, R. (2004). Integrating environmental education and biodiversity into the university curriculum. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., Ragsdale, J. D., Thibodeaux, T. (2004). Instituting communication training in business and technical education. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. & Ragsdale, J. D. (2004). Relational repair as a function of communal strength among remarried couples. Poster session at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., Ragsdale, J. D., Thibodeaux, T. (2004). Toward an alternate approach to teaching intercultural exchange and negotiation: The application of universal communication axioms. American Society for Competitiveness Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.

- Brandau-Brown, F. E. & Ragsdale, J. D. (2004). Two Cultures: A gendered approach to commitment and relational repair in marriage. The International Association for Intercultural Studies, Guadalajara, MX.
- Bello, R., Ragsdale, J. D., Thibodeaux, T. M., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2004). Cultural Perceptions of Equivocation and Directness: Dimensional or Unique? The International Association for Intercultural Studies, Guadalajara, MX.
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2004). Sex differences, commitment, and the repair of marital relationships. Southern States Communication Association's Annual Convention, Tampa, FL. **(Top Four Paper in the Interpersonal Division)**
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. & Ragsdale, J. D. (2003). The structure of relational repair in marriage and its connection to tripartite marital commitment. National Communication Association's Annual Convention, Miami, FL.
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2003). Influences of Machiavellianism and self monitoring on relational repair in successful marriages. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Miami, FL.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T. M. (2003). Using intercultural communication theory to build bridges between nations. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T. M. (2003). Promoting Democratic Citizenship through public communication training. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2003). Family communication and the interpersonal connection. Louisiana Communication Association's Annual Convention, Lake Charles, LA.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (April, 2003). The factor structure of relational repair in marriage: Considering a tripartite approach to marital commitment. Southern States Communication Association's Annual Convention, Birmingham, AL.
- Edwards, R. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2003) The interpretation of powerless speech. A paper presented at the Southern States Communication Association's Annual Convention, Birmingham, AL. **(Top Paper in the Communication Theory Division)**
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (April, 2003). Interviewer for the communication theory "Spotlight on a Scholar Panel" featuring J. D. Ragsdale. Southern States Communication Association's annual convention, Birmingham, AL, 2003.

- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (April, 2003). Relationship gurus: Is it really expert advice? **Invited Panelist** on the Ethics of Interpersonal Communication Panel. Southern States Communication Association's Annual Convention, Birmingham, AL.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (February, 2003). The state of family communication theory and research: A roundtable discussion. **Invited Panelist**. Western Communication Association's Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau- Brown, F. E. (2002). Predicting the factor structure of relational maintenance in marriage. National Communication Association's Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.  
**(Top Four Paper in the Family Communication Division)**
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau- Brown, F. E. (2002). The factor structure of relational repair strategies in marriage. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2002). Teaching family communication incorporating media representations of family. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Edwards, R. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2002). The interpretation of powerless speech. A paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2001). Gender differences in the factor structure of relational maintenance in marriage. Poster session presented at the annual meeting on the National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2001). Relational maintenance strategies: A Closer look at gender and length of marriage. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Lexington, KY.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2001). The effects of gendered intensifiers on perceptions of speaker culpability. A paper accepted to be presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Lexington, KY.
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2000). The structure of maintenance in marriage. Poster session presented at annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Ragsdale, J. D. & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2000, June). Predicting the use of relational maintenance strategies in marriage. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Acapulco, MX.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2000, April). The effects of gendered intensifiers on perceptions of speaker competence and trustworthiness. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (1999, April). Powerful and powerless speech in courtroom settings. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, St. Louis, MO.

Edwards, R., Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., & Hollems, D. (1998, November). The effects of loneliness, Machiavellianism, and verbal aggression on message interpretation. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New York, NY.

Brandau-Brown, F. E. (1998, April). Speech styles and expectancy violations: The effect of intensifiers. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.

Edwards, R., Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., Futch, A., Hollems, D., & Kirtely, M. (1997, April). Personality and gender influence in the interpretation of messages. A paper presented at the annual meeting of Southern States Communication Association, Savannah, GA.  
**(Top Three Paper in Communication Theory)**

Hosman, L. A., Siltanen, S. A., Herold, K., Brandau, F., & Barnett, K. (1993, November). Powerful and powerless language forms: Their consequences for memory, impression formation, and attributions of control of self and control over others. A paper presented at the annual meeting of Speech Communication Association, Miami, FL.

Brandau, F. E. (1991, April). Pro-Life Persuasive Strategies. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Birmingham, AL.

### **Honors and Awards**

Golden Key, Honorary Member, 2008.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Research Award for Communication Studies, 2008-2009.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award for Communication Studies, 2008-2009.

Nominated for the Southern Communication Journal's Rose B. Johnson Award, 2008.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Research Award for Communication Studies, 2007-2008.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award for Communication Studies, 2007-2008.

Agriculture and Industrial Sciences Outstanding Educator Nominee, Sponsored by SHSU Collegiate FFA, 2007-2008.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Research Award for Communication Studies, 2006-2007.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award for Communication Studies, 2005-2006.

Honored for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Success by the Texas Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi, Fall 2003.

Selected as the Southern States Communication Association's Outstanding New Teacher of the Year Award, 2002.

Nominated for the Southern Communication Journal's Rose B. Johnson Award, 2001.

Recognized by Alpha Lamda Delta for "Superior Instruction of Freshmen Students", 1998.

### **Service**

#### **Department, College, & University:**

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's Research Committee 2008-2009.

Athletics Advisory Committee, 2009-2010.

Departmental Advisory Committee, 2008-2009.

Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, 2008-2009.

Departmental Publicity Campaign and Web Page Redesign, 2006-2007.

Departmental Search Committee, 2006.

Departmental Search Committee, 2004-2005.

Member of the Graduate Faculty, 2005-present.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's Search Committee, 2004-2006.

A Practical Approach to Team Research in the Social Sciences. College of Humanities and Social Sciences Workshop. 2004.

Appointed to SHSU's Supreme Court, Fall 2003-present.

Beautiful girls: Strong Women overcoming stereotypes. Presentation for SHSU Residence Life, November, 2003.

Departmental Search Committee Chair, 2003.

Junior Faculty Advisory Committee Member for College of Arts and Sciences, 2003

Committee member for the development of the Speech Communication Master's degree, 2003.

Public Speaking Course Committee, Spring 2002.

Saturdays @ Sam Department Representative, Spring 2002, 2004, 2007.

Judge of the Annual Sam Speaks Competition, Sam Houston State University, 2001.

### **Professional Associations:**

Vice President-Elect and Theodore Clevenger, Jr. Honors Undergraduate Conference Planner for Southern States Communication Association, 2010.

Manuscript Reader, Interpersonal Communication Division, Southern States Communication Association, 2009.

Chair of the Resource Development Committee for the Southern States Communication Association, 2005-2008.

Southern States Communication Association's NCA Nominating Committee Representative, 2007.

Chair of the Interpersonal Division of the Southern States Communication Association, 2006.

Member of the *Southern Communication Journal's* Editorial Board, John Meyer, (Ed.) 2005-2008.

Vice Chair for the Interpersonal Communication Division of the Southern States Communication Association, 2005.

Chair of the Interpersonal Communication Division's Nominating Committee, 2005.

Manuscript Referee for the *Southern Communication Journal*, Joy Hart, (Ed.), 2003-2004.

Vice Chair-Elect for the Interpersonal Division of the Southern States Communication Association, 2004.

Chair for the Communication Theory Division of the Southern States Communication Association, 2003.

Member of the Southern States Communication Association Resource Development Committee 2002, 2003, 2004.

Created, Developed, Implemented and Staffed the “Caring Connections” fund raiser for the Southern States Communication Association’s Endowed Awards, 2002. 2003.

Chair of the Nominating Committee for the Communication Theory Division of the Southern States Communication Association, 2002-2003.

Vice Chair for the Communication Theory Division of the Southern States Communication Association, 2002.

Participant in the Webpage Construction Workshop sponsored by the Louisiana Collaborative for Excellence in the Preparation of Teachers, May 2000.

Vice Chair-Elect for the Communication Theory Division of the Southern States Communication Association, 2001.

Chair of the Louisiana State University Student Forum, 1996.

Judge for High School Rally, Louisiana State University, 1996.

Undergraduate Honors Conference Paper Reviewer for the Annual Southern States Communication Association, 1996.

Judge of the Annual Informative Speaking Competition, Louisiana State University, 1994, 1997.

Judge of the Annual Persuasive Speaking Competition, Louisiana State University, 1995, 1996.

### **Membership in Professional Associations:**

National Communication Association, Life Member.

Southern States Communication Association, Life Member.

International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, 2004

International Communication Association, 2000-2003.

### **Current Community Service:**

Member of St. James Episcopal School Advisory Committee

Montgomery County Child Welfare Board

Montgomery County Children's Protective Services Board