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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Communication, The Ohio State University, 2005
M.A., Communication, Kent State University, 2001
M.A., English, Shandong University, China, 1999
B.A., English, Shandong Normal University, China, 1991

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Sam Houston State University, August 2005 to present

Graduate Teaching Associate, School of Communication, The Ohio State University, September 2001 to June 2005

Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, August 1999 to August 2001

RESEARCH

Manuscripts Published in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Merolla, A., & **Zhang, S.** (in press). In the wake of transgressions: Forgiveness communication, offense attributes, offender response, and proximal/distal outcomes. *Personal Relationships*.

Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., **Zhang, S.**, & Ragsdale, J. D. (in press). Verbal and nonverbal methods for expressing appreciation in friendships and romantic relationships: A cross-cultural comparison. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*.

Zhang, S., & Stafford, L. (2009). Relational ramifications of honest but hurtful evaluative messages in close relationships. *Western Journal of Communication*, 73(4), 481-501.

Zhang, S. (2009). Sender-recipient differences in the reports of honest but hurtful messages. *Communication Reports*, 22(2), 89-101.

Kline, S., & **Zhang, S.** (2009). The Role of Relational Communication Characteristics and Filial Piety in Mate Preferences: Cross-cultural Comparisons of Chinese and US College Students. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 40(3), 325-353. **Lead Article.**

Zhang, S., & Kline, S. (2009). Can I make my own decision? A cross-cultural study of social network influence in mate selection. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, 40*, 3-23. **Lead Article.**

Kline, S., Horton, B. W., & **Zhang, S.** (2008). How we think, feel and express love: A cross-cultural comparison between American and East Asian culture. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations, 32*, 200-214. **Reprinted in "Intercultural Communication" edited by Deborah Cai, Sage Publication, published in November 2009.**

Zhang, S., & Stafford, L. (2008). Perceived face threat of honest but hurtful evaluative messages in romantic relationships. *Western Journal of Communication, 72(1)*, 19-39.

Ramirez, Jr. A., **Zhang, S.**, McGrew, C., & Lin, S. (2007). Relational communication in computer-mediated interaction revisited: Three studies comparing participant-observer perspectives. *Communication Monographs, 74(4)*, 492-516.

Ramirez, Jr., A., & **Zhang, S.** (2007). The effects of the occurrence and timing of modality switching on relationship development. *Communication Monographs, 74(3)*, 287-310. **Lead Article; Won Franklin Knower Article Award in 2009 at National Communication Association Conference in Chicago.**

Zhang, S., & Merolla, A. (2007). A group project on communication and intercultural friendships. *Communication Teacher, 21(1)*, 16-20 .

Zhang, S., & Merolla, A. (2006). Communicating dislike of close friends' romantic partners. *Communication Research Reports, 23(3)*, 179-186.

Manuscripts Currently Under Review

Zhang, S., Merolla, A., Sun, S., & Lin, S-F. The nature and consequences of topic avoidance in Chinese and Taiwanese close relationships. Under review at *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.

Kline, S. L., **Zhang, S.**, Horton, B. W., Pariyadath, R., & Ryu, S. (Revise & Resubmit). The role of communication and cultural concepts in cross-cultural expectations about marriage: Comparisons between Asian and U.S. young adults. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*.

Manuscripts in Preparation (Revision Needed for Journal Submission)

Zhang, S., & Stafford, L. A prototypical analysis of helpful relational maintenance behaviors.

Zhang, S., & Merolla, A. A cross-cultural comparison of hurtful messages in close opposite-sex relationships.

Deng, F., Fann, L., **Zhang, S.**, Merolla, A. Life with cancer: The breast cancer experience of Chinese-American women in Houston.

Seo, M., Sun, S., Merolla, A., & **Zhang, S.** Media involvement following the Sichuan Earthquake: Predicting social trust, perceptions of personal relationships, stress, and willingness to help.

Zhang, S., Ding, J., Tong, T., & Wong, Y. Meanings and expressions of filial piety: Understanding Chinese parent-child relationships.

Manuscripts in Preparation (Data Collected or Being Collected)

Zhang, S. Hurtful messages from parents: Experiences of Chinese young adults.

Merolla, A., **Zhang, S.**, & Sun, S. Forgiveness communication in Chinese close opposite-sex relationships.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Zhang, S., & Merolla, A. (2010). A cross-cultural comparison of hurtful messages in close opposite-sex relationships. Paper accepted at International Communication Association conference, Singapore. **Won Top Paper Award.**

Merolla, A., & **Zhang, S.** (2009). Negotiating morality in collectivistic cultures: Forgiveness process in China. Paper presented at pre-conference panel "Negotiating moralities in personal relationships" at National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Ramirez, A., Hu, M., Spinda, J., Feaster, J., Hoplamazian, G., **Zhang, S.**, & Horton, B. (2009). *Social networking technology and re-engaging friendships from the past: Two studies comparing cross-sex and same-sex friendships.* Paper presented at National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Zhang, S., Merolla, A., & Lin, S.-F. (2009). *The nature and consequences of topic avoidance in Chinese and Taiwanese close relationships.* Paper presented at National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kline, S. L., **Zhang, S.**, Horton, B. W., Pariyadath, R., & Ryu, S. (2009). *The role of communication and cultural concepts in cross-cultural expectations about marriage: Comparisons between Asian and U.S. young adults.* Paper presented at International Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Merolla, A., & **Zhang, S.** (2009). *In the wake of transgressions: Forgiveness communication, offense attributes, offender response, and proximal/distal outcomes.* Paper presented at International Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

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

Zhang, S., Lin, S-F, & Liu, H. (2008). *Topic avoidance in close relationships: Samples from Taiwan*

and Mainland China. Paper presented at International Association of Relationship Research, Providence, RI.

Zhang, S. (2008). *Sender-recipient perspectives of honest but hurtful messages in romantic relationships*. Paper presented at International Communication Association conference, Montreal, Canada.

Zhang, S., & Stafford, L. (2007). *Relational ramifications of honest but hurtful evaluative messages in close relationships*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Zhang, S., & Stafford, L. (2007). *A prototypical perspective on relationship maintenance strategies*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, San Francisco, California.

Ramirez, Jr. A., **Zhang, S.**, McGrew, C., & Lin, S. (2007). *Relational communication in computer-mediated interaction revisited: Three studies comparing participant-observer perspectives*. Paper presented at Western State Communication Association, Seattle, WA. (**Top paper in the Interpersonal Communication Interest Group**)

Zhang, S. (2006). *Is honesty the best policy? The effects of perceived motives underlying honest but hurtful evaluative messages in close relationships*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, San Antonio, Texas.

Zhang, S., & Stafford, L. (2006). *Perceived face threat of honest but hurtful evaluative messages in romantic relationships*. Paper presented at International communication Association, Dresden, Germany.

Merolla, A., & **Zhang, S.** (2005). *Reconceptualizing media richness theory*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Boston.

Zhang, S., & Merolla, A. (2005). *Dialectics and disclosure: Expressing or withholding dislike of close friends' romantic partners*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, New York. (**Top 4 Student Paper in Interpersonal Division**)

Horton, B. W., Kline, S., & **Zhang, S.** (2005). *How we think, feel and express love: A cross-cultural comparison between American and East Asian cultures*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, New York.

Zhang, S., & Kline, S. (2004). *Can I make my own decision? A U.S.-Chinese study of normative influence in mate selection using the theory of reasoned action*. Paper presented at National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Zhang, S., & Kline, S. (2004). *Communicative dispositions and mate preference comparisons between college students in China and the United States*. Paper presented at International Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

Ramirez, Jr., A., **Zhang, S.**, McGrew, C., & Lin, S. (2004). *Relational communication in*

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computer-mediated interaction: A comparison of participant-observer perspectives. Papers presented at International Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.

Zhang, S. (2003). *Chat room and face-to-face relationships: The relationship between intimacy and self-disclosure.* Paper presented at National Communication Association, Miami, FL.

Ramirez, Jr., A., & **Zhang, S.** (2003). *When online meets offline: The effects of modality switching on relationship development.* Paper presented at the National Communication Association, Miami, FL.

Zhang, S., & Ramirez, Jr., A. (2003). *Channel effects on relational communication in initial interactions: Comparing participant and observer perspectives.* Paper presented at 2nd Annual Conference for Computer-supported Social Interaction, Oxford, OH.

Stafford, L., **Zhang, S.**, Kline, S., & Horton, B. (2003). *Relational rules of the communication of love and affection for friendship and marriage in four cultures.* Paper presented at the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA.

Stafford, L., **Zhang, S.**, Kline, S., & Horton, B. (2002). *Love and friendship expressions in four cultures.* Paper presented at the International Communication Association, Seoul, Korea.

Zhang, S. (2002). *Self-disclosure in chat rooms.* Paper presented at East Communication Association, New York.

Zhang, S. (2001). *Test the validity and reliability of the Revised Self-Disclosure Scales.* Paper presented at the Central Communication Association, Cincinnati, OH.

AWARDS

2010 Top Paper Award in Interpersonal Communication Division at International Communication Association Conference, Singapore.

2009 Franklin H. Knower Article Award from the Interpersonal Division of the National Communication Association, for Art Ramirez & Shuangyue Zhang (2007), *When online meets offline: The effects of modality switching on relational communication, Communication Monographs, 74, 287-310.*

2008 Top Paper Award in Interpersonal Communication Interest Group at Western States Communication Association Conference, Seattle, WA.

2005 Top Student Paper Award in Interpersonal Division at International Communication Association Conference, New York.

GRANTS

Funded Research Projects at PI or Consultant

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PI for project “Topic avoidance in Chinese close opposite-sex relationships”, SHSU Faculty Enhancement Grant for Professional Development, 2008-2009, awarded \$6,800.

Consultant for project “Computer-Mediated Interpersonal Communication,” funded by Fudan University of China, 100,000 Chinese Yuan, Shaojing Sun (PI).

Pending Grant Applications

Co-PI for “Modeling Responses to Rapid Societal Changes in Georgia and China,” pending at US Navy, \$79,000, Robin Goodwin (PI) of Brunel University of United Kingdom; \$23,000 allocated to co-PI.

PI for project “Doctor-patient communication: Perspectives of Chinese immigrant cancer patients,” pending SHSU Enhancement Grant for Research, 2010-2011, \$15,000 requested. Co-PI, Furjen Deng.

PI for project “Modeling decision-making process of Chinese cancer patients in the use of alternative medicine,” in progress (deadline May 19, 2010), NIH “Outcomes, cost-effectiveness and the decision making process to use complementary and alternative medicine.” Co-PIs, Andy Merolla, Furjen Deng.

EDITORIAL/ADVISORY BOARD

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Journal of Chinese Communication
Northwest Communication Association Journal
Western Journal of Communication

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Level

Intercultural Communication, Persuasion, Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication (Classroom and online), Business and Professional Speaking

Graduate Level

Research Methods, Statistics, Health Communication, Interpersonal Communication Theory

SERVICE

University

Parking Appeals Committee, 2005-2007
Women's Advisory Committee, Faculty, 2006
Component V Committee, Fall 2008 – present
Search Committee for Psychology Department Chair, Spring and Fall 2008
Student Success Advisory Committee, Fall 2009-present

Department

Conflict and Resolution Course Applications
Graduate Student Handbook Proofreading/Editing

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Communication Association
National Communication Association
International Association of Relationship Research