

Jess Dominguez

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Education

- Ph. D. (2023)** Communication Studies, University of Kansas
Advisor: Jeffrey A. Hall
Focus: Interpersonal and Mediated Communication
Dissertation: *Memes & Relational Communication: The use of idiomatic utterances with interpersonal media*
2023 Top Dissertation Award for NCA's Human Communication & Technology Division
- M. A. (2019)** Communication Studies, University of Kansas
Advisor: Jeffrey A. Hall
Focus: Interpersonal Communication
Thesis: *Fighting for a Cause: How Conflict Produces Interdependence*
- B. A. (2016)** Communication Studies, Chapman University
Senior Thesis: *Tinder, Bumble, and Hinge: Mobile Phone Dating Applications Effects on Relationship Satisfaction, Romantic Beliefs, and Unrealistic Expectations*
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Academic Appointments

University of Kentucky, Department of Communication
Assistant Professor (2023-Present)

University of Kansas, Department Communication Studies
Graduate Teaching Assistant (2017-2023)

Research

Publications

Hall, J. A., **Dominguez, J.**, Merolla, A., Otmar, C. (2023). Social bandwidth: When and why are social interactions energy intensive? *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 40(8), 2614-2636. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075231154937>

Hall, J. A., **Dominguez, J.**, & Mihailova, T. (2023). Interpersonal media and face-to-face communication: Relationship with life satisfaction and loneliness. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 24(1), 331-350. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10902-022-00581-8>

Dominguez, J., Bowman, S., Hall, J. A., & Merolla, A. (2020). Working hard to make a good impression: The relational consequences of effortful self-presentation. *Communication Research Reports*, 37(5), 276-285. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08824096.2020.1846511>

Dominguez, J. & Hall, J. A. (2020). Examining context shifts' effect on relationship trajectories in friendships using turning point theory. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 37(6), 1892-1909. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407520909475>

Manuscripts in progress

Dominguez, J. & Hall, J. A. (under review). Mediated interdependence: Ongoing, co-constructed, and coordinated communication. *Western Journal of Communication*.

Dominguez, J. (under review). The use of memes as relational communication with interpersonal media. *Mobile Media & Communication*.

Dominguez, J., & Pennington, N. (in progress). Distance means nothing and everything: The importance of offline access to understanding interpersonal media use.

Dominguez, J., & Woolfe, B. (in progress). What difference does a friend make? Queer friendships, similarity, and well-being.

Riccardi, R. M., & **Dominguez, J.** (in progress). Revisiting the winding road to adulthood: Exploring and evaluating the conceptualization of emerging adulthood.

Conference Presentations

Dominguez, J. (2022, November). Ongoing, co-constructed, and coordinated: Mutually mediated dependence. National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Dominguez, J. (2022, November). Emerging adulthood, relational mobility, and romantic relationships. National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Dominguez, J., Mihailova, T., & Hall, J. A. (2022, May). To Have and To Interact: The Relative Value of Face-To-Face and Interpersonal Media in Personal Networks Inside and Outside of the Home. International Communication Association Conference, Paris, France.

Dominguez, J. (2021, November). It's Not You, It's All About Me: Emerging Adulthood, Relational Mobility, and Romantic Relationships. National Communication Association Conference, Seattle, WA.

Johnson, R., & **Dominguez, J.** (2021, November). Add a Little...Spice: Balancing the Rewards and Costs of Sexting in Romantic Relationships. National Communication Association Conference, Seattle, WA.

Dominguez, J. (2020, November). Building a relationship worth fighting for: How conflict influences change in interdependence. National Communication Association Conference.

Dominguez, J. (2020, April). Memes with friends: The impact of memes on relational maintenance in friendships. Central States Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL.*

Dominguez, J., & Hall, J. A. (2019, November). Context shifts' influence on friendship trajectories. National Communication Association Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Dominguez, J., Bowman, S., Hall, J. A., & Merolla, A. (2019, November). Working hard to make a good impression in daily life: When does it feel good? National Communication Association Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Dominguez, J. (2018, November). Availability versus accessibility: An understated struggle of the college classroom and how to combat it. National Communication Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Dominguez, J., & Hall, J. A. (2018, November). How did we get here? Context shifts' effect on relationship trajectories in close relationships using turning point analysis. National Communication Association Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

**The 2020 Central States Communication Association Convention was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Grants Awarded

Graduate Recruitment and Retention Fund, \$1,350, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Kansas. Awarded a scholarship by the college to use in whatever way I saw fit to aid in the completion of my dissertation. (June 2022).

Stereotype and Intergroup Processes in Communication Research Fund, \$1,250, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas. Awarded a grant by the department to fund the final part of a multi-study project where participants would be paid for their completion of experience sampling surveys. (June 2021).

Invited Presentations

Emojis are for Everyone, Lawrence Public Library. Presentation on the history, trajectory, and purpose of emojis as features of communication technology and social cues for interpersonal mediated communication. (April 2023)

Examining Context Shifts' Effect on Relationship Trajectories in Friendships Using Turning Point Theory, University of Kansas. Presentation of a published manuscript as part of the Department of Communication Studies colloquium series. (October 2020).

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas. Assisted Dr. Jeffrey Hall in cleaning and preparing a national quota sample dataset for analysis for multiple manuscripts. Funding for data collection came from a grant to study friendship in the United States, The American Friendship Project. (Summer 2022).

Member, Relationships and Technology Lab, University of Kansas. Collaborate with graduate students and professors to conduct research that explores the who, what, and when of mediated and face-to-face social interactions. Projects focus on how people adopt, become accustomed to, and integrate digital technology into their patterns of daily communication. ([KU Relationships and Technology Lab](#)). (2017-2023).

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

University of Kentucky

COM 352: Interpersonal Communication and Social Media

University of Kansas

Instructor of Record

COMS 130: Speaker-Audience Communication

COMS 244: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication Theory (Online and In-Person)

COMS 356: Introduction to Behavioral Research Methods in Communication (Online and In-Person)

Teaching Assistant/Lab Instructor

COMS 356: Introduction to Behavioral Research Methods in Communication

Invited Guest Lectures

Developing & Delivery a Compelling Presentation, Kansas Women's Leadership Institute.

Lecture and workshop for participants who were developing humanitarian projects that would be presented at the end of the program. (July 2022; July 2023).

Context Shifts in Friendship, University of Kansas. Lecture presentation for students enrolled in the Friendship Communication Senior Capstone course (COMS 496). (April 2022).

Honors & Awards

Top Dissertation Award, Human Communication & Technology Division, National Communication Association. (November 2023).

Sene and Louella Carlile Scholarship, \$4,000, University of Kansas. Scholarship awarded for the 2021-2022 academic year as of one of three graduate students in the Communication Studies Department based on excellence in research, teaching, and service. (May 2021).

Kim Giffin Research Award, \$600, University of Kansas. Awarded by the Communication Studies Department in recognition of a graduate student who has excelled in conducting independent research. (May 2021).

William A. Conboy Outstanding Graduate Student Award, \$700, University of Kansas. Annually awarded by the Communication Studies Department to a graduate student who is selected by their peers for excelling in all areas of graduate life and is appreciated for their peer mentorship. (May 2020).

E. C. Buehler First-Year Teaching Fellowship, \$1,500, University of Kansas. Awarded by the Communication Studies Department in recognition of outstanding teaching as a first-year graduate student instructor. (May 2018).

Service Experience

Community and University Service

Mentor, Kansas Women Leadership Institute. Served as a professional mentor and resource to institute participants. The participants were women from developing countries who spend the summer program developing a humanitarian project. (Summer 2019).

Departmental Service

Recruitment Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas.

Collaborated with the Chair of the department and Graduate Program Director to plan recruiting events and activities. Took lead on coordinating graduate student volunteers for these events and served as one of the primary contacts for prospective students. (2021-2022).

Assistant Recruitment Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas. Worked with the Recruitment Chair, Chair of the department, and the Graduate Program Director to plan and coordinate recruitment events. (2020).

Social Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas. Served as an executive member of the Graduate Student Organization to develop social events that promoted community and helped new students find resources in the department. (Spring 2020).

Panelist, “Thriving in Grad School”, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas. Served as a member of an orientation week panel to offer guidance to incoming graduate students on how to establish successful habits in research, teaching, and work-life balance. (August 2020).

Social Chair, Department of Communication Studies, University of Kansas. Served as an executive member of the Graduate Student Organization to develop social events that promoted community and helped new students find resources in the department. (2018).

Service to the Discipline

National Communication Association

Nomination Committee Member, Human Communication & Technology Division (2023-Present)

Dissertation Award Committee Member, Human Communication & Technology Division (2024)

Conference Reviewing

Student Section, NCA (2021-2023)

Human Communication & Technology Division (2024-present)

Journal Reviewing

Journal of Social and Personal Relationships (Editorial Board member)

Social Media + Society

Western Journal of Communication

Organizational Memberships

National Communication Association

International Association for Relationship Research