

[CURRICULUM VITAE]

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban communication, digital and mobile communication, mixed methods, policing and punishment, neighborhood crime and stigma, surveillance, poverty, housing, race and ethnicity, Latina/o/e/ communities, immigration, parenthood, family communication

EDUCATION

Expected May 2027 Ph.D. in Communication, Information, and Media, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Dissertation Title: *Communication Ecologies and At-Risk Residents: Understanding the Communicative Impacts of Hyperaggressive Immigration Enforcement*

Dissertation Committee: Jeffrey Lane (Co-Chair), Jennifer Theiss (Co-Advisor), Matthew Matsaganis, Sarah Tosh

2021 M.A. in Communication Studies, California State University, Los Angeles

2019 B.A. in Communication (Cum Laude), Minor in Sociology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024-ongoing	Graduate Mentor, Honors College, Rutgers University
2024-ongoing	Part-Time Lecturer, Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts, Seton Hall University
2023-ongoing	Part-Time Lecturer, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
2022-2023	Research Assistant for Assistant Dean's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
2022-2023	Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Communication, George Mason University
2019-2021	Part-Time Lecturer, Department of Communication Studies, California State University, Los Angeles

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Invited Book Chapters

Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2027). *Interracial/ethnic romantic relationships and relational turbulence theory*. (Revising and resubmitting accepted chapter for *Cambridge handbook of relational turbulence* edited by R. M. McLaren, L. K. Knobloch, J. A. Theiss, & D. H. Solomon).

Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Stone, C. R. (2024). #Thatsfamily: Interrogating family discourses and politics through social media. In S. Faulkner & M. Brewer (Eds.), *Critical interpersonal and family communication pedagogy: Charting new futurities*. (pp. 164-172). Routledge.

Scharp, K., Alvarez, C.F., Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Nolan-Cody, H. (2023). Understanding family distance: Taking a closer look at parent-child estrangement. In A. Goodboy & C. Shultz (Eds.), *Introduction to communication studies: Translating communication scholarship into meaningful practice* (pp. 37-46). Kendall Hunt.

Refereed Manuscripts Under Review

Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2026). *New policing and collateral consequences: Conceptual movements for critical communication theorizing*. [Under review, conference blinded].

Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2026). *Under the crimmigratory shadow: How mixed-status partners navigate risk in an era of mass immigration enforcement*. [Under review, conference blinded].

Work In-Progress

Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2026a). *Disclosure, risk, and love: Understanding how mixed-status partners navigate status disclosures*. [Manuscript in progress to submit for *Communication Monographs*].

Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2026b). *Love and order: How immigration policing risk shapes boundary conditions of mixed-status couples*. [Manuscript in progress to submit for *Mobile Media and Communication*].

Guzmán-Villegas, S., Lane, J. (2026). *Mapping urban policing, technology, and communication: A literature review and agenda for interdisciplinarity*. [Under review, conference blinded].

Conference Presentations

Lane, J., & Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2026, June 7). *Surveillance, incarceration, and deportation as communication issues*. [Paper Presentation for Activism, Communication, and Social Justice]. International Communication Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.

Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2025, November 22). *Examining the impacts of identity gaps on race communication during relational turbulence in early dating interracial partners: A comparative analysis*. [Paper Presentation for Interpersonal Communication Division]. National Communication Association, Denver, CO, United States.

Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2025, November 22). *Locked between borders: A theorizing of carceral geographies in (undocu)family communication*. [Research In-Progress for Family Communication Division]. National Communication Association, Denver, CO, United States.

Jones, H. E., Thiess, J. A., Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Austin, J. T. (2025, August 02). *Challenges in sexual intimacy between romantic partners after the birth of a child*. [Paper Presentation]. International Association for Relationship Research, London, United Kingdom.

- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2025, March 12). *Navigating disclosure: The social and relational impacts of legal status in Latina/o mixed-status couples*. [Research In-Progress Presentation]. Research Café, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, United States.
- Austin, J. T., Guzmán-Villegas, S., Theiss, J. A. (2024, November 21). *Relational turbulence and dyadic resilience in romantic relationships after the birth of a child*. [Paper Presentation for Interpersonal Communication Division]. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2024, November 24). *Turbulence and privacy management in various relationships*. [Chair for Interpersonal and Family Communication Divisions]. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2024, November 23). *Extending stigma communication theorizing for a greater regard*. [Discussion Panelist in Interpersonal Communication Division]. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S., Ruiz-Mesa, K., Sidiqi, M., & Benavides, C. M. (2024, November 22). *Exploring online student sense of belonging and camera usage in the basic communication course at a Hispanic-Serving University* [Top Paper Presentation for Basic Course Division]. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Theiss, J. A. (2024, November 22). *A multiple groups analysis of colorblind racial ideology, ethnoracial salience, and race talk on race-based identity gaps and stigma-related stress between interracial and same-race couples*. [Paper Presentation for Interpersonal Communication Division]. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Theiss, J. A. (2024, July 8). *Examining stigma-related stress, race-focused communication, and conditions of relational turbulence in interracial relationships*. [Paper Presentation]. International Association for Relationship Research, Boston, MA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2024, March 23). *Terror, sex work, and racial identity*. [Chair and Respondent for Intercultural Communication Division]. Eastern Communication Conference, Boston, MA, United States.
- Austin, J. T., Jones, H. E., Theiss, J. A., & Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2024, March 23). *A thematic co-occurrence analysis of relational turbulence and dyadic resilience in romantic couples following the birth of a child*. [Paper Presentation for Interpersonal Communication Divisions]. Eastern Communication Association, Boston, MA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Stone, C. (2023, November 18). *#Thatsmyfamily: Interrogating family discourses and politics through social media*. [Paper Presentation for Interpersonal and Family Communication Divisions]. National Communication Association, National Harbor, MD, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S., Austin, J. T., Theiss, J. A., & Jones, H. E. (2023, November 17). *Exploring the effects of relational turbulence on sexual functioning for new parents*. [Oral Presentation for

- Interpersonal Communication Division]. National Communication Association, National Harbor, MD, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2023, November 16). *Examining freedom of representation, advocacy, and visibility in diverse contexts*. [Chair and Respondent for Activism and Social Justice Division]. National Communication Association, National Harbor, MD, United States.
- Theiss, J. A., Austin, J. T., Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Jones, H. E. (2023, October 27). *Postnatal depression and relational uncertainty after the birth of a child predict new parents' sexual communication and relational turbulence*. [Oral Presentation for Interpersonal Communication and Social Interaction Section]. European Communication Research and Education Association, Tallinn, Estonia.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2023, May 27). *Amando tras fronteras: Understanding relational maintenance and coping in undocumented separated Latina/o/x families*". [Research Escalator in Interpersonal Division]. International Communication Association, Toronto, ONT, Canada.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2023, May 26). *Reclaiming our authentic selves: Communicating identity and difference in families and relationships*. [Discussion Panel in Interpersonal Division]. International Communication Association, Toronto, ONT, Canada.
- Austin, J. T., Theiss, J. A., & Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2023, May 20). *Sources of relational turbulence and practices of resilience in romantic relationships following the birth of a child*. [Oral Presentation]. International Association for Relationship Research, Phoenix, AZ, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S., & Theiss, J. A. (2023, May 20). *The experience of new fathers during the transition to parenthood: Associations between depressive symptoms and relational functioning*. [Oral Presentation]. International Association for Relationship Research, Phoenix, AZ, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2023, March 30). *Invisible color, visible love: Examining uncertainty effects of colorblindness and race talk in interracial couples*. [Top Papers Presentation in Interpersonal Division]. Eastern Communication Association, Baltimore, MD, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2022, November 18). *"Honoring P.L.A.C.E": Advocating for undocumented students through communication research*. [Discussion Panelist for Activism and Social Justice Division]. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2022, November 18). *(Re)Imagining "familia" in the borderlands: Centralizing Latina/o/x experiences within interpersonal and family communication*. [Discussion Panelist for Family Communication Division]. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2022, April 8). *Racial and cultural identities: Misrepresentations and stereotypes in the media and beyond*. [Chair and Respondent for James C. McCroskey and Virginia P. Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Conference]. Eastern Communication Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2021, November 20). *A praxis of libertad: A latcrit autoethnographic exploration of cific pedagogy*. [Paper Panel for Interpersonal Communication Division]. National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2021, November 20). *Transforming dialogues of difference: Intersectional pedagogical practices from GTAs of color*. [Discussion Panel for Basic Course Division]. National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2020, May 22). *Race talk: The impact of colorblindness and race communication among interracial couples*. [Paper Presentation]. Communicating Diversity Conference, College Station, TX, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. & Machuca-Marquez, C.L. (2021, March) *A networked love: The impact of online relational narratives on couples' behaviors*. [Poster Session]. 29th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities, Los Angeles, CA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2020, November 19-22). *Are pictures worth more than words?* [Great Ideas for Teaching Students session]. National Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2019, February). *The baby is here: Communication strategies for new parents*. [Poster session]. 27th Annual Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities, Los Angeles, CA, United States.

Invited Talks

- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2025, September 03). *Conversations with Dr. Angela Cooke-Jackson*. Invited talk about career pathways for nontraditional and traditional students in communication for COMM 1800: Introduction to Human Communication, California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, United States.
- Guzmán-Villegas, S. (2022, November 8). *When love and culture meet: Exploring interracial communication in relational and family contexts*. Invited lecture for COMM 346: Intercultural Communication, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. New Brunswick, NJ, United States.

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Course Taught

Communication Theory, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University (Summer 2023)

Communication and Relationships, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University (Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

Fundamentals of Communication, Department of Communication, George Mason University (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

Interpersonal Communication, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
(Summer 2024, Summer 2025, Summer 2026)

Oral Communication, Department of Communication Studies, California State University, Los Angeles (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

Speaking and Listening in a Digital and Global Age, Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts, Seton Hall University (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Communication & Information Processes, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Research Assistant

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| 2023-2024 | Assisted Dr. Jeffrey Lane in gathering literature on transportation, immigrant life, cultural centers, and surveillance in large metropolitan areas, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University |
| 2022-2024 | Supported the Assistant Dean's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with implementing programming and school-wide initiatives; collected and evaluated data for DEI benchmarking and analysis; and contributed to the development of SCI's DEI website and promoted and supported SCI Communities of Practice, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University |
| 2023 | Served as a qualitative coder for the <i>Latino Salud Rutgers Research Team</i> investigating cancer and COVID misinformation in the New Jersey and greater New York Metropolitan Area, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University |

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE AND INSTITUTIONS

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Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Social Problems* (2025-ongoing)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Ethnography and Communication Division (2025, 2026)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Family Communication Division (2024, 2025, 2026)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Latina/o Communication Division (2024, 2025, 2026)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Communication and Technology Division (2025)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Mobile Communication Division (2025)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Interpersonal Communication Division (2024, 2025)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Intercultural Communication Division (2024)

Materials Translator for Prostate Cancer Project between the School of Communication & Information and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital (2023)

Paper Reviewer for the International Communication Association, Interpersonal Communication Division (2022)

Paper Reviewer for the National Communication Association, Intercultural Communication Division (2022)

Paper Reviewer for the Eastern Communication Association, Interpersonal Communication Division (2022)

Paper Reviewer for the Eastern Communication Association, Intercultural Communication Division (2022)

Paper Reviewer for the Western State Communication Association, Communication, Identities, and Difference Division (2022)

Paper Reviewer for the Eastern Communication Association, J. C. McCroskey and V. P. Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Division (2021)

Teaching Associate Support Partner (2020, 2021)

Speaking Showcase Tournament Judge (2020, 2021)

Workshop Coach for Oral Communication (2020, 2021)

Student Editor for the *Prison BA Journal*, California State University, Los Angeles (2020)

Diversity and Inclusion Practices Reviewer for the *Association of College and University Educators* (2020)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022-ongoing	Travel Awards, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University (\$7,500—reflected as sum)
2024-2026	Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society Grant, Villanova University, PA, Research Assistant (\$2,500)
2024	Student Travel Award, International Association of Relationship Research (\$100)
2023	La Raza Caucus Microgrant (\$100)
2023	Top Paper Panel, Interpersonal Communication Division, Eastern Communication Association
2022	Dean's Fellowship Award, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University (\$45,000)
2021	Honors Recognition in Graduate Studies
2019	Lambda Pi Eta Society
2019	Cum Laude Distinction

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA; Communication & Media Sociology, Crime & Deviance, Community & Urban Sociology, Family, Sociology of Law, and Latina/o Sociology)

American Society for Criminology (ASC; Communities & Place, Critical Criminology & Social Justice, Deviance & Life Course Criminology, Qualitative Research)

Association of Internet Researchers

International Communication Association (ICA; Activism, Communication, & Social Justice, Communication & Technology, Communication Law & Policy, Ethnicity & Race in Communication, Interpersonal, Mobile, and Political Communication)

National Communication Association (NCA; Activism & Social Justice, Interpersonal, Ethnography, Family, Human Communication & Technology, Latina/o, Political Communication)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP; Community & Practice, Law & Society, Poverty & Inequality)