

## EDUCATION

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**M.A. – The University of Texas at Austin** Communication Studies, Interpersonal Concentration  
Current GPA: 3.95 | Expected Graduation: May 2023

**B.A. – The University of Texas at Austin** Majors: Plan II Honors, Human Dimensions of Organizations  
Minor: Sociology  
Overall GPA: 3.95 | Graduated May 2021

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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I am interested in the relationship between the experience and regulation of emotions (e.g., emotional intelligence, SEL) and communication in personal relationships (e.g., empathic accuracy, ghosting).

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Graduate Teaching Assistant** – Department of Communication | The University of Texas at Austin | Fall 2021 – Spring 2023

- CMS 344K: Nonverbal Communication with Dr. René Dailey (Fall 2021), Global Cultures Flag
- CMS 358C: Identity in Relationships with Dr. Madeleine Holland (Spring 2022), Cultural Diversity Flag
- CMS 363C: Communication and Sports with Dr. Michael Butterworth (Fall 2022)

**Research Assistant** – Annette Straus Institute for Civic Life | The University of Texas at Austin | Fall 2022

- Analyzed quantitative and qualitative survey data and compiled a report with findings

**Undergraduate Teaching Assistant** – Plan II Honors | The University of Texas at Austin | Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

- TC 301: Pathways to Civic Engagement with Lee Walker (Spring 2020)

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** – College of Liberal Arts | The University of Texas at Austin | Spring 2018

- Research assistant for *An Introduction to International Relations: Opening the Global System* textbook

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Conference Presentations:

**Alley, E. & Jia, M.** (2022, November). *Pursue the boo: The relationship between ghosting and unwanted persistent pursuit*. Paper to be presented at the 108th Annual National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA.

**Alley, E.** (2022, November). *The sound of silence: The link between ghosting behaviors and emotional intelligence*. Paper to be presented at the 108th Annual National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA.

**Alley, E.** (2022, May). *The efficacy of film as a tool for social and emotional learning*. Poster presented at the 72nd Annual International Communication Association Conference, Paris, France.

### Research in Progress:

**Alley, E.** (under review). *The sound of silence: The link between ghosting behaviors and emotional intelligence*.

**Alley, E. & Jia, M.** (submitted). *Pursue the boo: The relationship between ghosting and unwanted persistent pursuit*.

**Alley, E.** (submitted). *I understand how you feel: Integrating empathic accuracy and emotional intelligence*.

**Alley, E.** (submitted). *The efficacy of film as a tool for social and emotional learning*.

### Invited Presentations & Colloquia:

**Alley, E.** (2021, April). *The efficacy of film as a tool for social and emotional learning*. Thesis presented at the Plan II Honors Thesis Symposium, Austin, TX, USA (**Model Thesis Award**).

**Alley, E.** (2018, April). *Proposal for the creation of an annual sexual misconduct incident response report*. Research presented at the Chancellor William McRaven Guardian Angel Annual Award Banquet, Austin, TX, USA.

## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Brené Brown Education and Research Group** | Summer 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021

- Identified film and television clips to teach social-emotional learning for an 8-episode series for a major streaming platform where film/TV clips will be used to teach approximately 70 different human affects/ emotions
- Worked with the lead researcher and production team to study the relevant academic literature to understand the emotions and determine best pedagogical approach for organizing and teaching emotions
- Developed *Dare to Lead* curriculum, roll-out plan, and marketing strategy for high school and college students
- Analyzed usage and performance data from online courses and social media
- Facilitated consumer experience focus group for a new app and compiled minimally viable product specs

### **bthere** | Fall 2020

- Created and implemented mixed methods user feedback survey, analyzed results through thematic analysis
- Conducted focus group user experience (UX) testing for a redesign of the mobile phone application
- Identified and streamlined red routes for the application and tested usability

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2022	Graduate School Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Department of Communications Travel Scholarship CommSGC Supplemental Travel Award Communication Studies Outstanding First Year Master's Student Award
2021	Graduate School Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Cactus Standout Student Excellence Award Winner Graduated with High Honors (top 10%) Plan II Model Thesis, Special Honors in Plan II
2020	Plan II Thesis Grant

## SERVICE

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### **Reviewer for Conference Papers (4 manuscripts):**

International Communication Association Convention (2)

- Activism, Communication and Social Justice Interest Group, 2021
- Communication Science and Biology Interest Group, 2021

National Communication Association Convention (2)

- Student Section, 2022 (2)

### **Department of Communication Studies, University of Texas at Austin Service:**

- Panel member | Advice on being a TA| Graduate pedagogy class | September 2022
- Panel member | MA student panel & general new student panel | Graduate student orientation | August 2022
- Graduate student buddy | August 2022

### **The University of Texas at Austin Service:**

- Founder & President, Texas Field Hockey, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020
- Agency Director & Advisory Committee Member, Student Government, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020
- Peer Mentor & Peer Advisor, Plan II Student Association, Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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### **International Communication Association (ICA)** – Member since 2022

- Interpersonal Communication Division
- Communication & Technology Division

### **National Communication Association (NCA)** – Member since 2020

- Interpersonal Communication Division
- Human Communication and Technology Division
- Student Section

## SKILLS

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Quantitative methods: R/ RStudio, Qualtrics, MTurk, Prolific, SONA, Psychometric methods

Computational methods: Crowdtangle, Twitter API & academictwitterR, Google toxicity API