

Karissa Hernandez

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Research Interests

I am interested in family and childhood communication. I enjoy studying parent-child interactions and childrens' development of communication patterns. My goal is to further understand communication behaviors which are carried from one generation to the next via parent-child interaction to teach adults about approaches and methods regarding patterned behavior.

Education

Ph.D. Student – The University of Texas at Austin

Communication Studies, Interpersonal Communication

In progress

M.A. – The University of Texas at Austin

Communication Studies, Interpersonal Communication

GPA: 3.97

B.A. – University of California-Berkeley

Media Studies

GPA: 3.91

A.A. – Santa Barbara City College

Communication: Science Emphasis

Liberal Arts & Science: Social & Behavioral Science

Liberal Arts & Science: Arts & Humanities

GPA: 3.88

California Lutheran University

GPA: 3.94

Professional Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant | Moody College of Communication | Communication Studies

- CMS 315M Interpersonal Communication Theory with Dr. John Daly
- CMS 330 Interpersonal Health Communication with Dr. Erin Donovan
- CMS 354 Conflict Resolution with Dr. Katie Bradford
- CMS 338 Leadership Stories with Dr. Joe Cutbirth

Graduate Assistant | College of Natural Sciences | Human Development and Family Studies | Priscilla Pond Flawn Child and Family Laboratory

- 2-year-old class with Professor Lara Pauley
- NAEYC accredited facility

Private Childcare

- Childcare provider in Southern California, Northern California, Texas, and Spain

CIEE Teach Abroad

- Language and Culture Assistant in Madrid, Spain
- Created and implemented English immersion curriculum for children ages 0-5

Research Assistant | University of California at Berkeley | Department of Art History

- Research apprentice under Dr. Imogen Hart

UC Berkeley Student Learning Center

- Writing Tutor

Professional Memberships

Communication Studies Graduate Community | Member since 2021

- Vice Chair & MA representative
- First year representative

International Association for Relationship Research | Member since 2023

- **Interests:** Parenthood, Children, Families, Relationship Maintenance, Relationship Repair

National Communication Association | Member since 2022

- **Divisions:** Interpersonal Communication, Family Communication, Latino/Latina Communication

National Association for the Education of Young Children | Member since 2022

- Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Affiliate
- Austin Chapter Member

Awards & Accomplishments

Roderick Hart Student Achievement Award

- 2023 Recipient

Graduate School Fellowship—University of Texas at Austin

- 2021-2022 Academic School Year
- 2022-2023 Academic School Year

College Recruitment Fellowship—University of Texas at Austin

- 2021-2022 Academic School Year
- 2022-2023 Academic School Year

Conferences & Presentations

International Communication Association | Paris, France | 2022

- Attendee

National Communication Association | New Orleans, Louisiana | 2022

- Attendee

International Association for Relationship Research | Tuscaloosa, Alabama | 2023

- Presenter | “Is My Shame Satisfying? Exploring the Relationship Between Family Communication Patterns, Relationship Satisfaction, and Shame within the Parent-Child Dyad”

Skills & Experience

Quantitative Methods: R/R Studio, SONA, Qualtrics, JASP, Excel

Qualitative Methods: NVivo, ATLAS.ti, In-Person and Virtual Interviews