ELLEN ALLEY

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EDUCATION

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| **Ph.D.**  **University of Texas**  **Austin, TX**  **M.A.**  **University of Texas**  **Austin, TX** | Communication Studies, Interpersonal Concentration  Advisor: Anita Vangelisti | Expected Graduation: May 2027  Communication Studies, Interpersonal Concentration  GPA: 3.97 | Graduated May 2023 | Advisor: Anita Vangelisti | Reader: René Dailey  Thesis: *“I can see how you feel”: Frameworks for emotion recognition and their*  *associations with relationship satisfaction* |  |
| **B.A.**  **University of Texas**  **Austin, TX** | Majors: Plan II Honors, Human Dimensions of Organizations Minor: Sociology  GPA: 3.95 | Graduated May 2021  Thesis: The efficacy of film as a tool for social and emotional learning (Model Thesis) |  |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in the relationship between uncertainty, emotions, and communication in personal relationships.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** – Department of Communication | UT Austin |Fall 2021 – Spring 2023

* CMS 344K: Nonverbal Communication with Dr. René Dailey (Fall 2021, 20hr), Global Cultures Flag
* CMS 358C: Identity in Relationships with Dr. Madeleine Holland (Spring 2022, 20hr), Cultural Diversity Flag
* CMS 363C: Communication and Sports with Dr. Michael Butterworth (Fall 2022, 20hr)
* CMS 315: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication Theory with Dr. John Daly (Spring 2023, 30hr)
* CMS 363P: Politics and Protest in Sports with Dr. Michael Butterworth (Summer 2023, 20hr)

**Research Assistant** – Annette Straus Institute for Civic Life | UT Austin |Fall 2022

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

**Undergraduate Teaching Assistant** – Plan II Honors | UT Austin |Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

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

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** – College of Liberal Arts | UT Austin |Spring 2018

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

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Publications:**

**Alley, E.** & Jia, M.(in press). *Pursue the boo: The moderating role of dating recency between ghosting and unwanted persistent pursuit.* Communication Research Reports.

**Conference Presentations:**

**Alley, E.** (2023, November). *I understand how you feel: Integrating empathic accuracy and emotional intelligence.* To be presented at the 109th Annual National Communication Association Conference, National Harbor, Maryland.

**Alley, E.** (2023, November). *Prepare for (soft) launch: The impact of Instagram “launching” a partner on relational investment.* To be presented at the 109th Annual National Communication Association Conference, National Harbor, Maryland.

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

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

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

**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

**Research Intern |** 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

**Research Intern |** 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

2023 Comm SGC Supplemental Travel Award

Graduate School Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School

2022 National Communication Association Travel Grant

Graduate School Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School (x2)

Department of Communications Travel Scholarship (x2)

Comm SGC 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

**Reviewer for Conference Papers (12 manuscripts):**

International Communication Association Convention (6)

* 2021: Activism, Communication and Social Justice Interest Group, Communication Science and Biology Interest Group
* 2022: Interpersonal Communication (2), Health Communication (2)

National Communication Association Convention (6)

* 2022: Student Section (2)
* 2023: Student Section (2), Sports Communication (1), Visual Communication (1)

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

* Treasurer | Communication Studies Graduate Committee | May 2023 – May 2024
* Panel member | Advice on being a TA| Graduate pedagogy class | September 2022
* Panel member | M.A. student panel & general new student panel | Graduate student orientation | August 2022
* Graduate student buddy | August 2022

SKILLS

Quantitative methods: R/ RStudio, Qualtrics/ SurveyMonkey/ Google Forms, MTurk/ CloudResearch/Prolific, survey construction, experimental research, longitudinal design, statistical analyses, psychometrics

Qualitative methods: Interviewing, focus groups, usability testing

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