



Interpersonal Communication Interest Group Preview

Eastern Communication Association

April 9-12, 2026

Pittsburgh, PA



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Thursday, April 9

1:00-2:15pm, Waterfront

Interpersonal Communication Business Meeting

This meeting is open to all ECA members and individuals with an interest in interpersonal communication. The meeting will provide a collaborative space for members to reflect on the past year's activities, share insights, and plan for future initiatives. The agenda includes officer reports, highlighting key accomplishments and updates from the past year, and a review of old business. Members will also discuss new business and upcoming opportunities. This meeting aims to foster community and strategic planning, ensuring the Interest Group continues to advance scholarly and practical contributions to interpersonal communication.



Friday, April 10

8:30-9:45am, Elwood

Top Papers in Interpersonal Communication

“Navigating Power and Silence: Communicative Disenfranchisement in Interpersonal Menopause Healthcare Communication”
Valerie Rubinsky, Community College of Allegheny County; Catherine Tolman, University of Maine at Augusta; Angela Cooke-
Jackson, California State University, Los Angeles

“Communal Coping Ten Years After the Sandy Hook Shooting” Jessica Cherry, Fairfield University

““Lied or Miscommunicated?” Location Sharing as a Turning Point in Close Relationships: Implications for Privacy Management
and Relational Maintenance” Elizabeth M. Glowacki, Northeastern University; Joseph Schwartz, Northeastern University; Filiz
Durgun, Northeastern University

““I Thought They Loved Me”: Exploring Emotional Betrayal and Trust-Building After Performative Allyship” Stephen Obiri Agyei,
Ohio University; Peace Chinenye Nwachukwu, Ohio University; China Billotte Verhoff, Ohio University



Check your program for information about our exciting panels...

Intentional Misunderstandings, (In)validation, and Loneliness: Examining Complexities in Interpersonal Communication

Emerging Discourses in Parenthood: Teen-ternity and Paternal Postnatal Depression

Technology in the Interpersonal Landscape: Emerging Uses of Media within Relationships and Research

Uncertainty Management and Institutional Change: A Round Table Discussion

Emerging From Stigmatized Identities in Close Relationships: Building Bridges with Students, Colleagues, and Relational Partners

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