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EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D. *Communication***, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA
Advisor: Joseph N. Cappella
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Dissertation: Spreading News: The Coverage of Epidemics by American Newspapers and Its Effects on Audiences – A crisis Communication Approach
- 2013 **M.A *Communication*** (Cum Laude), Department of Communication, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel
Advisor: Jonathan Cohen
Thesis: The Effects of Textual Vividness on Identification with Characters in the Media and the Change of Attitudes and Behavioral Intentions in the Field of Health Communication
- 2010 **B.A *Communication and Music***, Department of Communication and Department of Music, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024- Present **Associate Professor of Communication**
The Department of Communication
University at Buffalo, State University of New York
- 2022-Present **Distinguished Research Fellow**
The Annenberg Public Policy Center
University at Pennsylvania

2019- 2024	Assistant Professor of Communication The Department of Communication University at Buffalo, State University of New York
2019-2022	Research Fellow The Annenberg Public Policy Center University at Pennsylvania
2018 – 2019	Joan Bossert Postdoctoral Fellow in Science Communication The Annenberg Center for Advanced Study of Communication The Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania
2013-2018	Graduate Research / Teaching Assistant The Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
2010-2013	Graduate Research / Teaching Assistant The University of Haifa, Israel

AWARDS & HONORS

2025	Chancellor's Horizon Award for Faculty Research and Scholarship, State University of New York, NY
2024	Science-News's 10 Early Career Scientists to Watch in 2024 (SN10)
2023	Exceptional Scholar: Young Investigator Award, University at Buffalo
2023	Top-Paper in Political Communication. <i>American Political Science Association</i> , Los Angeles, CA.
2023	Top-Paper in LGBTQ Interest Group. International Communication Association, Toronto, CA.
2022	Top-Paper in Aging and Communication. National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA
2018	Top-Paper in Health Communication. International Communication Association, Prague
2012	Cum Laude M.A in Communication by the University of Haifa
2010	Merit scholarship for B.A students by the University of Haifa
2010	Merit scholarship for M.A students by the University of Haifa
2009	Merit scholarship for B.A by the city of Haifa and the University of Haifa
2007	Dean's excellence scholarship, University of Haifa

GRANTS

2023	National Science Foundation (NSF). \$450,000 over 5 years. Assessing the effectiveness of common health messaging tactics on self-reported and
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- validated vaccine uptake: A multi-method approach. Role: CO-PI (UB-subaward - \$25,571).
- 2022 Center for Information Integrity. \$200,000 seed funding from the University at Buffalo's Provost Office for a Bold Idea around misinformation. Role: Helped draft the research proposal for the initiative.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

2019-Present Director, the Media Effects, Misinformation, & Extremism (MEME) lab at the University at Buffalo. The group consists of undergraduate and graduate students from the Department of Communication as well as other UB departments, and visiting scholars

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

2. **Ophir, Y.** (2025). *Misinformation & Society*. Wiley-Blackwell. ISBN: 139423645X
1. Levendusky, M., Pasek, J., Holbert, L. R., Renninger, A. **Ophir, Y.**, ... & Jamieson, K. H. (2023). *Democracy amid Crises: Polarization, Pandemic, Protests, and Persuasion*. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780197644706

B. Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

* indicates a supervised graduate student first author

62. **Ophir, Y.**, Morris, H. E., Lokmanoglu, A., & Walter, D. (2026). Apocalyptic Climate Change Conspiracy Theories and Misinformation in White-Nationalist Communities Online: An Analysis of 25 Years of Discourse on Stormfront. *Environmental Communication*. doi: 10.1080/17524032.2026.2643679
61. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, Jamieson, P. E., & Jamieson, K. H. (2026). The Relationship Between Political Affiliation, Perceptions of Science and Scientists, and Perceived Safety and Effectiveness of the MMR, Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines. *American Journal of Public Health* (accepted).
60. Motta, M., Lunz-Trujillo, K., Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2026). A Naturally-Occurring Experiment on the Electoral Impact of President Biden's Decision to Exit the 2024 Presidential Race. *Political Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0032321726143527>
59. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Lokmanoglu, A. D., & Walter, N. (2025). Media Matters: A Mixed-Method Look into the Research on Misinformation and Communication

- Over 30 Years. *Annals of the International Communication Association*.
10.1093/anncom/wlaf016
58. *Wang, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2025). Can Professional or AI Fact-Checking Protect Trust in Journalism from Political Attacks? The Complex Roles of Source, Transparency, Ideology, and the Machine Heuristic. *Computers in Human Behavior*.
 57. Walter D., **Ophir, Y.**, Jamieson, P. E., & Jamieson, K. H. (2025). Public Perceptions of AI Science and Scientists Relatively More Negative but Less Politicized Than General and Climate Science. *Proceedings of the National Academies of Science Nexus*, 4(6), pgaf163. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgaf163>
 56. *Lapan, E., **Ophir, Y.**, Wang, R., Semenov, A., Kountz, K., & Walter, D. (2025). Negotiating Extremism: Thematic Engagement Capacity for Red-Pill Conversations on Reddit. *New Media & Society*.
 55. Yang, J., Arpan, L., **Ophir, Y.**, & Shah, P. (2025). Value-based narratives foster trust in scientists and communication behaviors. *Science Communication*.
 54. Walter, D., Lokmanoglu, A. D., **Ophir, Y.**, & Fabregat, E. (2025). Some Assembly Required: Unpacking the Content and Spread of Wayfair Conspiracy Theory on Reddit and Twitter. *New Media & Society*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448251341497>
 53. *Wang, R., **Ophir, Y.**, Nikolaev, A., & Semenov, A. (2025). Content Engagement Capacity: A Network-Based Approach for Evaluating the Ability of Frames to Facilitate Political Online Conversations. *Information, Communication, & Society*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2025.2480205>
 52. *Lattimer, T., Tenzek, K., & **Ophir, Y.** (2025). Alzheimer's Disease and Related s in the Deaf Community: A Scoping Review. *Public Health Reports*.
10.1177/00333549251403899
 51. Stafford, M., Krishen, A., Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.** & Himelboim, I. (2025). Climate Change is Risky: Using a Computational Methodology to Relate Corporate Sustainability Reports with their Grades. *Management of Sustainable Development Journal*.
 50. *Leong, Y., **Ophir, Y.**, Kountz, K., Walter, D., & Feeley, T. (2025). Discourse and Misconceptions About Sexually Transmitted Infections in Lesbian Subreddits: A Health Belief Model Analysis. *Health Communication*, 40(12), 2512-2521.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2025.2464810>
 49. Motta, M., Trujilo, K. L., Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2025). Public Risk Perceptions and Policy Attitudes Toward Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*.
 48. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Jamieson, P. E., & Jamieson, K. H. (2024). The Politicization of Climate Science: Media Consumption, Perceptions of Science and Scientists,

- and Support for Policy. *Journal of Health Communication*. 10.1080/10810730.2024.2357571
47. Andrews, E. A., Walter, N., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Robbins, C. L. (2024). Mapping the nexus of trust, conspiracy beliefs, and COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy: A meta-analysis. *Health Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2024.2431165>
46. *Wang, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2024). Behind the Black Box: The Moderating Role of the Machine Heuristic on the Effect of Transparency Information about Automated Journalism on Hostile Media Bias Perception. *Journalism*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14648849241284575>
45. *Wang, R., Thimmanayakanapalya, S., & **Ophir, Y.** (2024). The Growing Partisan Politicization of Non-political Online Spaces: A Mixed-method Analysis of News App Reviews on Google Play between 2009-2022. *New Media & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448241237765>
44. Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2024). Meta-Theorizing Framing in Communication Research (1992-2022): Towards Academic Silos or Professionalized Specialization? *Journal of Communication*. 10.1093/joc/jqad043
43. *Liu, A. K., **Ophir, Y.**, Himelboim, I., & Walter, D. (2024). The Networked Amplification of Activist Voices: Designing an Empirical Framework for Evaluating the Success and Challenges of Information Diffusion Efforts During Hashtag Campaigns. *International Journal of Communication*.
42. Levendusky, M., Patterson Jr., S. Margolis, M., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Jamieson, K. H. (2024). The long shadow of the Big Lie: How beliefs about the legitimacy of the 2020 election spill over onto future elections. *Public Opinion Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfae047>
41. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Jamieson, P., & Jamieson, K. H. (2023). Factors Assessing Science's Self-Presentation (FASS model) and their Effect on Conservatives' and Liberals' Support for Funding Science. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 10.1073/pnas.2213838120
40. *Lattimer, T., Tenzek, K., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Shouts from the void: A mixed-method analysis surrounding the online chronic illness community, #NEISVoid. *Health Communication*.
39. Tenzek, K. E., Lapan, E., **Ophir, Y.**, & Lattimer, T. A. (2023). Staying connected: Alzheimer's hashtags and opportunities for engagement and overcoming stigma. *Journal of Aging Studies*.
38. *Wang, R., Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023, equal contribution). Not all bots are created equal: The impact of bots classification techniques on identification of discursive behaviors around the COVID-19 vaccine and climate change. *Social Science Computer Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0894439323118847>

37. *Dobmeier, C., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Hubner, A. (2023). Mapping the media genome: An unsupervised machine learning analysis of news framing of direct-to-consumer genetic testing kits. *Mass Communication & Society*.
36. Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Trolls Without Borders: A Comparative Analysis of Six Foreign Countries' Online Propaganda Campaigns. *Human Communication Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hcr/hqad022>
35. Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Conspiracies, misinformation, and resistance to public health measures during COVID-19 in White Nationalist online communication. *Vaccine*.
34. *Moore, M. M., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Predicting Romantic Comedy Success From Content. *International Journal of Communication*.
33. *Moore, M. M., Green, M. C., **Ophir, Y.**, & Wang, H. (2023). The Effects of Corrective Strategies on Romantic Belief Endorsement. *Communication Research*.
32. Tzivian, L., Benis, A., Rusakova, A., Syundyujov, E., Seidmann, A., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). International scientific communication on COVID-19 data: Management pitfalls understanding. *Journal of Public Health*. 10.1093/pubmed/fdad277
31. **Ophir, Y.**, Pruden, M. L., Walter, D., Lokmanoglu, A. D., Tebaldi, C., & Wang, R. (2022). Weaponizing Reproductive Rights: A Mixed-Method Analysis of White Nationalists' Discussion of Abortions Online. *Information, Communication, and Society*, 26(11), 2186-2211. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2022.2077654>
30. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, N., Walter, D., Velho, R. M., Lokmanoglu, A. D., Pruden, M. L., & Andrews, E. A. (2022). Vaccine Hesitancy Under the Magnifying Glass: A Systematic Review of the Uses and Misuses of an Increasingly Popular Construct. *Health Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2022.2054102>
29. *Liu, A. K., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Himelboim, I. (2022). Hashtag Activism in a Politicized Pandemic: Framing the Campaign to Include Taiwan in the Efforts to Combat COVID-19. *New Media & Society*.
28. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, Lokmanoglu, A. D., & Pruden, M. L. (2022). Vaccine discourse in white nationalist online communication: A mixed-methods computational approach. *Social Science and Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114859>
27. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, Pruden, M., & Golan, G. (2022). Watching the Whole World: The Media Framing of Foreign Countries in U.S. News and its Antecedents. *Journalism Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1461670X.2022.2137838>
26. Stafford, M., Himelboim, I., Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2022). The evolution of advertising research through four decades: A computational analysis of themes, topics and methods. *International Journal of Advertising*, 41(1), DOI: 10.1080/02650487.2022.2128005

25. *Lattimer, T., & **Ophir, Y.** (2022). Oppression by omission: An analysis of the #WhereIsTheInterpreter hashtag campaign around COVID-19 on Twitter. *Media Culture & Society*.
24. *Lattimer, T., Tenzek, K., Sullivan, S., & **Ophir, Y.** (2022). Exploring Online Twitter Conversations surrounding National Healthcare Decisions Day and Advance Care Planning from a Socio-Cultural Perspective: A Computational Mixed-Methods Analysis. *Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR) Formative Research*.
23. **Ophir, Y.**, Massignan, V., Forde, D. K., Neurohr, M., & Walter, D. (2021). News Media Framing of Social Protests Around Racial Tensions During the Donald Trump Presidency. *Journalism*, 24(3), 475-493.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/14648849211036622>
22. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Arnon, D., Lokmanoglu, A., Tizzoni, M., Carota, J., D'Antiga, L., & Nicastro, E. (2021). The framing of COVID-19 in Italian Media and its Effects on Community Mobility: A Mixed Method Approach. *Journal of Health Communication*, 26(3), 161-173. 10.1080/10810730.2021.1899344
21. **Ophir, Y.**, Jamieson, K. H. (2021). The Effects of Media Narratives about the Failures of Scientists and Science on Beliefs and Support in Funding Science. *Public Understanding of Science*, 30(8), 1008-1023. 10.1177/09636625211012630
20. *Moore, M. M., & **Ophir, Y.** (2021). Big Data Actually: Analyzing the Thematic Content of 200 Romantic Comedies Using Unsupervised Machine Learning. *Psychology of Popular Media*.
19. Koru, O., Stecula, D., Lu, H., **Ophir, Y.**, Chan, M. S., Winneg, K., Jamieson, K. H., & Albarracin, D., (2021). The effects of scientific messages and narratives about vaccination. *PLOS One*.
18. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Marchant, E., (2020). Bridging Computational Communication Research and Grounded Theory Ethnography: A Topic Model Networks Approach. *Journal of Communication*, 70(3), 472-447.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqaa013>
17. **Ophir, Y.**, Jamieson, K. H., Romer, D., and Jamieson, P. E. (2020). Counter-acting Pro-Tobacco YouTube Videos: The Effects of Text-based and Counter-Narrative Interventions and the Role of Identification. *International Journal of Communication*
16. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, & Jamieson, K. H. (2020). Russian Twitter Accounts and the Partisan Polarization of Vaccine Discourse, 2015-2018. *American Journal of Public Health*, 110(5), 718-724. 10.2105/AJPH.2019.305564
15. Walter, D. & **Ophir, Y.** (2020). Exploring the Relationship between Strategy Framing in News Coverage and Electoral Success: An Analysis of Topic Model Networks Approach. *Political Communication*.
14. Yang, Q., Herbert, N., Yang, S., Alber, J., **Ophir, Y.**, Cappella, J. N. (2020). The Role of Information Avoidance in Managing Uncertainty from Conflicting

- Recommendations about Electronic Cigarettes". *Communication Monographs*, 88(3), 263-285. 10.1080/03637751.2020.1809685
13. Lu, H., **APPC 2018-2019 ASK Group***, Winneg, K., Jamieson, K. H., & Albarracin, D. (2020). Intentions to Seek Information About the Influenza Vaccine: The Role of Informational Subjective Norms, Anticipated and Experienced Affect, and Information Insufficiency Among Vaccinated and Unvaccinated People. *Risk Analysis*, Published Online First, February 20th, 2020. *Member of the APPC group.
 12. **Ophir, Y.**, (2019). The Effects of News Coverage of Epidemics on Public Support and Compliance with CDC– An Experimental Study. *Journal of Health Communication*, 24(5), 547-558. 10.1080/10810730.2019.1632990
 11. Sangalang, A., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2019). The potential for narratives to correct misinformation. *Journal of Communication*, 69(3), 298-319. <https://doi.org/10.1093/joc/jqz014>
 10. Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.**, (2019). News Frame Analysis: An Inductive Mixed-Method Computational Approach. *Communication Methods & Measures*. 13(4), 248-266. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19312458.2019.1639145>
 9. Walter, D. & **Ophir, Y.** (2019). The Elephant and the Bird: Republican Candidates' Use of Strategy and Issue Framing in Twitter during the 2016 Republican Presidential Primaries. *International Journal of Communication*.
 8. **Ophir, Y.**, & Jamieson, K. H. (2018). The Effects of Zika Virus Risk Coverage on Familiarity, Knowledge and Behavior in the U.S. *Health Communication*, 35(1), 35-45. 10.1080/10410236.2018.1536958.
 7. **Ophir, Y.** (2018). The Coverage of Epidemics in American Newspapers through the Lens of the Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication Framework. *Health Security*, 16(3), 147-157.
 6. **Ophir, Y.**, & Jamieson, K. H. (2018). Intentions to Use a Novel Zika Vaccine: The Effects of Misbeliefs about the MMR Vaccine and Perceptions about Zika. *Journal of Public Health*, 40(4), e531-e537. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pubmed/fdy042>
 5. Brennan, E., Maloney, E. K., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2018). Designing Effective Testimonial Pictorial Warning Labels for Tobacco Products. *Health Communication*. 34(12), 1383-1394. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10410236.2018.1493417>
 4. **Ophir, Y.**, Brennan, E., Maloney, E. K., & Cappella, J. N. (2017). The Effects of Graphic Warning Labels' Vividness on Message Engagement and Intentions to Quit Smoking. *Communication Research*, 46(5), 619-638. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650217700226>
 3. Brennan, E., Maloney, E. K., & **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2016). Potential effectiveness of pictorial warning labels that feature images and personal details of real people. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 19(10), 1138-1148. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntw319>

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1. **Ophir, Y.** & Weimann, G. (2012). From terrorist to Persona: Para-Social Interaction and the ETA website. *Perspectives on terrorism*, 6(1), 23-35

C. Book Chapters

9. **Ophir, Y.**, Tenzek, K., Lokmanoglu, A., Leon, Y., & Heneveld, K. (Forthcoming). Qualitative computational methods. In Haim, M., & Domahidi, E. (Eds.). *ICA Handbook of Computational Communication Research*. Routledge.
8. **Ophir, Y.** (2026). Vaccines. In Sellnow, D., Freihaut, R., Xu, Y., & Sellnow, T. (Eds.). *The Encyclopedia of Crisis Management*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
7. **Ophir, Y.**, Velho, R. M., & Tzivian, L. (2024). Communicating science in a growingly politicized environment. In Castillo, D. (Ed.) *Truth-Seeking in Our Age of (Mis)Information Overload*. SUNY Press.
6. **Ophir, Y.**, Liu, A., Shah, P., Wang, R., Acosta, N., & Gillis, S. (2024). Science and health journalism and its effects on audiences. In Walsh-Childers, K. & McKinnon, M. (Eds.). *The Palgrave Handbook of Health and Science Journalism*. Palgrave & MacMillan Publishing.
5. Himelboim, I., Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). What makes a misinformed tweet viral? A computational mixed method approach. In Porter, L. (Eds.). *Political and Electoral Misinformation*. LSU Press.
4. **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2023). Computational Sentiment Analysis- A Critical Perspective. In Nabi, R., & Myrick, J. G. (Eds.). *Our online emotional selves: The link between digital media and emotional experience*. Oxford University Press.
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2. **Ophir, Y.**, Sangalang, A., & Cappella, J. N. (2021). Testing the emotional flow hypothesis in health narratives. In Frank, L., & Falzone, P. (Eds.). *Entertainment Education Behind the Scenes: Case Studies for Theory and Practice*. Palgrave & MacMillan Publishing.
1. Cappella, J. N., **Ophir, Y.**, & Sutton, J. (2017). The measurement of the public's knowledge as the basis for assessing misinformation: Application to tobacco products. In Southwell, B. G., Thorson, E. A., Sheble, L. (Eds.). *Misinformation and mass audiences*. University of Texas Press.

D. Book Reviews

2. **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Gershberg & Illing. The Paradox of Democracy: Free Speech, Open Media, and Perilous Persuasion. *International Journal of Communication*
1. **Ophir, Y.** (2018). O'Hair (Ed.). Risk and Health Communication in an Evolving Media Environment. *European Journal of Communication*

E. Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

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97. Lockman, A., Motta, M., Lunz-Trujillo, K., Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2026). Who Deserves Medicaid? Public Perceptions of Work Requirements in 5 States. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA.
96. Lockman, A., Motta, M., Lunz-Trujillo, K., Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2026). Partisanship and Parenthood in Support for Childhood Vaccine Mandates. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA.
95. Brehm, R. H., Callaghan, T., Lunz-Trujillo, K., Stecula, D., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Motta, M. (2026). Vaccine activism and policy environments: Evidence on engagement from 5 States. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA.
94. *Lattimer, T. A., Tenzek, K., & **Ophir, Y.** (2026). Centering Deaf Voices in Digital Dementia Discourse: A Thematic Analysis of Engagement surrounding the #EndAlz Campaign. *Kentucky Conference on Health Communication*, Lexington, KY.
93. Xu, Z., Ophir, Y., Du, K., Guatri, G., Madrid-Morales, D., & Wright, K. (2026). Global News Media as Agents of Cosmopolitan Politics? An Unsupervised Machine Learning Analysis of the Framing of Refugee-Focused Humanitarian News. *International Communication Association*, Cape Town, South Africa.
92. *Wang, R., & Ophir, Y. (2026). Can Professional or AI Fact-Checking Protect Trust in Journalism from Political Attacks? The Complex Roles of Source, Transparency, Ideology, and the Machine Heuristic. *International Communication Association*, Cape Town, South Africa.
91. *Wang, R., & Ophir, Y., & Yanmengqian, Z. (2026). Demystifying the Double Black Box: Theorizing and Testing the Effects of Transparency Messages around AI Journalism. *International Communication Association*, Cape Town, South Africa.
90. *Lapan, E., **Ophir, Y.**, Lokmanoglu, A., Walter, D., Taggart, M., Hao, C., Wahl, J., & Hahn, L. (2026). Justifying Extremism: The Morality of White Nationalism on Stormfront. *Moral Media Conference*, Gainesville, FL.

89. *Hao, C., **Ophir, Y.**, & Wang, R. (2026). Investigating Contextual Information Relevant to Moral Judgment: An Analysis of Crowd Data from Subreddit r/AITA. *Moral Media Conference*, Gainesville, FL.
88. Chumdermpadetsuk, R., **Ophir, Y.**, Polanco-Santana, J., Feeley, T. H., Eckhoff, D., & Lee, D. (2025). The Impact of Non-Protocolized Language in Donor Narratives on Kidney Acceptance: A Machine Learning-Aided Analysis. *World Transplant Congress*, San Francisco, CA.
87. Lattimer, T., Tenzek, K., & **Ophir, Y.** (2025). Social media engagement as public health communication practice and advocacy: An analysis of the Alzheimer's Association's #EndAlz campaign across a decade. National Communication Association conference, Denver, CO.
86. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Jamieson, P. E., & Jamieson, K. H. (2025). The Politicization of Medical Science and its Effects on Three Vaccines. *American Political Science Association*, Vancouver, BC.
85. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, Jamieson, P. E., & Jamieson, K. H. (2025). Examining the Politicization of Public Perceptions of AI Science and Scientists. *American Political Science Association*, Vancouver, BC.
84. *Lapan, E., **Ophir, Y.**, Wang, R., Kountz, K., Walter, D., Nikolaev, A., & Semenov, A. (2025). Negotiating extremism: Engagement capacity for red-pill conversations on Reddit. *American Political Science Association*, Vancouver, BC.
83. *Velho, R. M. & **Ophir, Y.** (2025). Effects of Left-Wing and Right-Wing Populist Messages on Political Engagement. *American Political Science Association*, Vancouver, BC.
82. Motta, M., Trujilo, K. L., Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2025). A Scaffolded Experimental Paradigm for Reducing Vaccine Politicization. *American Political Science Association*, Vancouver, BC.
81. Brehm, R., Callaghan, T., Trujillo, K. L., Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, Motta, M. (2025). Injected skepticism: RFK's role in political mobilization around vaccines. *American Political Science Association*, Vancouver, BC.
80. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Lokmanoglu, A., & Walter, N. (2025). Media Matters: A Meta-Theoretical Look into the Mediatization of Misinformation Research Over 30 Years. *International Communication Association*, Denver, CO.
79. *Raffloer, G., Wang, Thimmanayakanapalya, S., & **Ophir, Y.** (2025). Someone to Talk To: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Human-Machine Communication Features in Chatbot App Reviews and Their Association with Ratings. *International Communication Association*, Denver, CO.
78. *Black, E., **Ophir, Y.**, & Thimmanayakanapalya, S. (2025). A Stampede of Media Coverage: Analyzing Fifty Years of Crowd Disaster News Framing. *International Communication Association*, Denver, CO.

77. Tenzek, K., **Ophir, Y.**, (2025). Science narratives around controversial innovations: Comparing dynamic discourse around an Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm, across local, national, and social media. *DC Health Communication Conference*, Washington, DC.
76. *Wang, R., **Ophir, Y.**, Nikolaev, A., & Semenov, A. (2024). Content Engagement Capacity: A Network-Based Approach for Evaluating the Content Influence Through Engagement in Online Conversation. *The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
75. *Lapan, E., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Wang, R., (2024). A pill of many colors: negotiating extremist red-pill ideologies on Reddit. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
74. *Velho, R. M., & **Ophir, Y.** (2024). Populist Ideas, Populist Style, and their Combined Effect on Public Opinion. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
73. Walter, D., Lokmanoglu, A., **Ophir, Y.**, & Fabregat, E. (2024). Some assembly required: #Wayfairgate on Reddit and Twitter. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
72. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, Jamieson, P. E., & Jamieson, K. H. (2024). The impact of political ideology on vaccination behavior. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
71. Motta, M., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D., (2024). Assessing the effectiveness of common health messaging tactics on vaccine uptake. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
70. Motta, M., Trujilo, K. L., Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2024). A Scaffolded Experimental Paradigm for Improving Vaccine Confidence. *Midwest Political Science Association conference*. Chicago, IL.
69. Motta, M., Trujilo, K. L., Stecula, D., Callaghan, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2024). Quantifying the Electoral "Vibe Shift." A Naturally-Occurring Experiment on President Biden's Decision to Exit the 2024 Presidential Race. *Midwest Political Science Association conference*. Chicago, IL.
68. Lapan, E., Tenzek, K. E., Lattimer, T., **Ophir, Y.**, & Gillis, S. (2024). Senate after stroke: Employing critical disability theory to interpret the temporal nature of illness and political discourse. *Kentucky Conference on Health Communication*, Lexington, KY.
67. *Lattimer, T. A., Tenzek, K., & **Ophir, Y.** (2024). Alzheimer's hashtag advocacy: A mixed-method analysis of engagement and discourse around the #EndAlz campaign across a decade. *Kentucky Conference on Health Communication*, Lexington, KY.

66. Tenzek, K., Myrick, J. G., & **Ophir, Y.** (2024). Disney princess, depression, drugs, and death: Comparing news coverage of celebrity Coco Lee's death. *Kentucky Conference on Health Communication*, Lexington, KY.
65. *Raffloer, G., Kountz, K., Wang, R., Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2024). Approaching singularity: Topic modeling of public discourse on artificial intelligence over time. *International Communication Association*, Gold Coast, Australia.
64. *Barcia-Varno, N., **Ophir, Y.**, Velho, R. M., Wong, R., McLoughlin, O. & Walter, D. (2024). Extremist messages using Biblical verses on Red Pilling subreddits. *Student Research in Communication Conference*. Rochester, NY.
63. *Raffloer, G., **Ophir, Y.**, Thimmanayakanapalya, S. S., & Wang (2024). Best (digital) friends forever: Topic modeling and cluster analysis of chatbot app reviews. *Student Research in Communication Conference*. Rochester, NY.
62. *Andrews, E., Walter, N., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Robbins, C.L. (2023). Conspiracy Beliefs, Trust, and Vaccine Hesitancy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Moderating Role of Vaccine Availability. *National Communication Association*, National Harbor, MD.
61. *Wang, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Intentions to Engage with Automated Journalism: The Impact of Authorship Cues, Algorithmic Transparency, and Knowledge. *The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication meeting*, Washington, DC.
60. *Wang, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Behind the Black Box: The Moderating Role of the Machine Heuristic on the Effect of Transparency Information about Automated Journalism on Hostile Media Bias Perception. *The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication meeting*, Washington, DC.
59. *Tsai, S., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Balancing broadcasting and narrowcasting online as a minority-politician. *The American Political Science Association meeting*, Los Angeles, CA.
58. *Velho, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). The effect of partisan identity activation on endorsement of populism. *The American Political Science Association meeting*, Los Angeles, CA.
57. *Wang, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Examining the influences of Twitter bots during the 2022 U.S. midterm election. *The American Political Science Association meeting*, Los Angeles, CA.
56. Lokmanoglu, A. D., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Prudent, M. (2023). Righteous Currencies and Supremacy: The story of coins in Christian Nationalism and Salafi-Jihadism. *The American Political Science Association meeting*, Los Angeles, CA.
55. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., Jamieson, P., & Jamieson, K. H. (2023). Beyond Trust and Trustworthiness: Predicting Science-Consistent Behaviors and Support for Funding Science. *International Communication Association*, Toronto, Canada.

54. Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). Academic Silos in Communication Framing Research (1992-2022): A Multi-Method Computational Analysis. *International Communication Association*, Toronto, Canada.
53. *Leong, Y. Y., **Ophir, Y.**, Kountz, K., Walter, D., & Feeley, T. (2023). Discourse Around and Misconceptions About STI Transmission Among Women Who Have Sex with Women (WSW): A Content Analysis on Reddit. *International Communication Association*, Toronto, Canada.
52. *Lattimer, T., Tenzek, K., & **Ophir, Y.**, (2023). Shouts from the Void: A Mixed-Method Analysis Surrounding the Online Chronic Illness Community, #NEISVoid. *International Communication Association*, Toronto, Canada.
51. *Wang, R., Thimmanayakanapalya, S. S., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). News Apps as Identity Politics: A Mixed-Method Analysis of the Politicized Online Reviews about News Apps on Google Play and Apple Store. *International Communication Association*, Toronto, Canada.
50. *Wang, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2023). An AI Shield from Political Attacks: Testing the Potential of Artificial Intelligence-Based Fact-checking to Ameliorate Distrust in Mainstream Media. *International Communication Association*, Toronto, Canada.
49. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, N., Walter, D., Lokmanoglu, A. D., & Pruden, M. L. (2022). Much Ado About Nothing? A Systematic Review of the Uses and Misuses of the Vaccine Hesitancy Construct. *International Communication Association*, Paris, France.
48. *Lattimer, T., & **Ophir, Y.** (2022). Oppression by omission: An analysis of the #Whereistheinterpreter hashtag campaign around COVID-19 on Twitter. *International Communication Association*, Paris, France.
47. *Liu, A. K., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Himelboim, I. (2022). From Victimhood to Empowerment: An Experimental Evaluation of the Effects of Complex Framing Techniques to Increase Engagement with Online Hashtag Activism.
46. *Dobmeier, C., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Hubner, A. (2022). 23 and Media: The news coverage of direct-to-consumer genetic testing kits and its association with real-world sales data. *International Communication Association*, Paris, France.
45. Tenzek, K., **Ophir, Y.**, & Lattimer, T., (2022). Promising Prescriptions? A framing analysis of news coverage surrounding the Alzheimer's prescription drug Aduhelm. The Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY.
44. *Andrews, E. A., Walter, N., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2022). A Meta-Analytic Perspective on Vaccine Hesitancy and Its Correlates. *Digital Health Communication: Issues and Perspectives Post-Conference in International Communication Association 72nd Annual Convention*, Dijon, France.
43. *Wang, R., & **Ophir, Y.** (2022). The Effects of Automated Journalism on Hostile Media Biases. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, CA.

42. *Wang, R., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2022). Twitter bots and the polarization of COVID-19 vaccine. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, CA.
41. *Tsai, S., & **Ophir, Y.** (2022). Twitter communications by Asian political candidates. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, CA.
40. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.** (2022). Exploring the Network Structure of Academic Silos in Framing Research. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, CA.
39. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, & Ye, H. (2022). Analyzing the Discourse on COVID-19 in White Nationalist Online Spaces. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, CA.
38. Tenzek, K. E., Lapan, E., **Ophir, Y.**, & Lattimer, T. A. (2022). Staying connected: World Alzheimer's Day hashtags and opportunities for engagement and overcoming stigma. *National Communication Association Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.
37. *Liu, Y., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2022). Networked Sensemaking During a Public Health Crisis: A Computational Analysis of Twitter Discourse Around the COVID-19 Delta Variant. *National Communication Association Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.
36. *Leong, Y. Y., Tenzek, K. E., Lattimer, T. A., & **Ophir, Y.** Expediated Approval: A mixed-method analysis of media frames surrounding the Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm. *National Communication Association Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.
35. *Liu, A. K., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Himelboim, I. (2021). Hashtag Activism in Politicized Pandemics: The #TaiwanCanHelp Campaign. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
34. *Liu, A. K., **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Himelboim, I. (2021). Networked Framing and the Role of Elite Gatekeeping During the #TaiwanCanHelp Hashtag Activism Campaign. *Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference*, (moved online).
33. Walter, D., Pruden, M., **Ophir, Y.**, & Golan, G. (2021). Watching the whole world: The antecedents of foreign countries' framing in U.S news". *International Communication Association*, Denver, CO (moved online).
32. *McCallister, C., Green, M., & **Ophir, Y.** (2021). Emotions in motion: the role of emotional flow in narrative persuasion. *International Communication Association*, Denver, CO (moved online).
31. **Ophir, Y.**, Forde, D. K., Neurohr, M., & Walter, D. (2020). News Media Framing of Social Protests Around Racial Tensions During the Donald Trump Presidency. *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco, CA (moved online).

30. Walter, D., **Ophir, Y.**, & Jamieson, K. H. (2020). A thematic Network Approach to Russian Interference in the 2016 U.S Elections. *American Political Science Association*, San Fransico, CA (moved online)
29. *Andrews, E., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2020). Let the Data Tell Their Stories: A Mixed-Method Approach for Analyzing Alleged Vaccine Injuries Narratives. *National Communication Association*. Indianapolis, IN (moved online)
28. *Moore, M. M., & **Ophir, Y.** (2020). Big Data Actually: Analyzing the Thematic Content of 200 Romantic Comedies Using Unsupervised Machine Learning. *International Communication Association*, Gold Coast, Australia (moved online)
27. *Dobmeier, C., **Ophir, Y.**, & Walter, D. (2020). 23andMedia: An unsupervised machine learning analysis of news media frames of Direct-to-Consumer genetic testing kits. *International Communication Association*, Gold Coast, Australia (moved online)
26. **Ophir, Y.**, Walter, D., & Jamieson, K. H. (2019). Evaluating the impact of WikiLeaks on News Agenda and Perceptions about Hillary Clinton during the 2016 Presidential Elections. *American Political Science Association*, Washington, DC
25. Walter, D. & **Ophir, Y.** (2019). Exploring the Relationship Between Strategy Framing in News Coverage and Electoral Success: An Analysis of Topic Model Networks Approach. *American Political Science Association*, Washington, DC
24. **Ophir, Y.**, Jamieson, K. H., Romer, D., and Jamieson, P. E. (2019). Counter-acting the Effect of Pro-Tobacco YouTube Videos on Adolescents – The Potential of Text-based and Counter-Narrative Interventions and the Role of Identification. *International Communication Association*, Washington, DC
23. Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2019). A Multi-method Approach for Identifying and Grouping Frame Elements with Topic Modeling and Network Analysis. *International Communication Association*, Washington, DC
22. Young, Q., **Ophir, Y.**, Yang, S., Alber, J. M., & Cappella, J. N. (2019). More is Less? Interaction Effects between Conflicting Recommendations and Information Avoidance on Confusion about E-cigarettes. *International Communication Association*, Washington, DC
21. Maloney, E. K., Gratale, S. K., **Ophir, Y.**, Sangalang, A., and Cappella, J. N. (2019). Belief Echoes in Corrective Advertising: Testing Enhanced Correctives to Debunk Tobacco-Related Misinformation. *International Communication Association*, Washington, DC
20. Gratale, S. K., Sangalang, A., Maloney, E. K., **Ophir, Y.** and Cappella, J. N. (2019). Inoculating Against Health Misinformation: An Application to Misleading Cigarette Advertising. *International Communication Association*, Washington, DC
19. **Ophir, Y.** (2018). The Consequences of Cancer Misinformation in the Age of Social Media. *National Cancer Institute's meeting on "Trust and Information in the Age of Social Media"*. Rockville, MD

18. **Ophir, Y.**, Sangalang, A., & Cappella, J. N. (2018). An Emotional Ride: Testing the Emotional Flow Hypothesis in Persuasive Narratives. *International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic*
17. Sangalang, A., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2018). The Potential for Narrative Correctives to Reduce Belief Echoes. *International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic*
16. Herbert, N., Yang, S., Alber, J. M., Yang, Q., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2018). Developing Measures of Negative Effects from Contradictory E-cig Information Exposure. *International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic*
15. Yang, S., Herbert, N., **Ophir, Y.**, Qinghua, Y., Alber, J., & Cappella, J. N. (2018). Implications of exposure to conflicting scientific recommendations for social diffusion of electronic cigarettes: results from a randomized controlled experiment. *Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA*
14. Herbert, N. Yang, S., Qinghua, Y., Alber, J., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2018). Conflicting e-cigarette recommendations increase cynical beliefs in current and former smokers: evidence from a randomized control trial. *Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA*
13. **Ophir, Y.** (2017). Spreading News: Crisis Communication, the Zika Virus Pandemic, and the U.S Media – An Automated Content Analysis Approach. *International Communication Association, San Diego, CA*
12. Walter, D., & **Ophir, Y.** (2017). The Elephant and the Bird: Republican Candidates' Use of Strategy and Issue Framing in Twitter during the 2016 Republican Presidential Primaries. *National Communication Association, Dallas, TX*
11. Sangalang, A., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2017). Examining the Potential for Narratives to Correct Misinformation about Natural Tobacco: A Test of Emotional Flow. *International Communication Association, San Diego, CA*
10. **Ophir, Y.**, Sangalang, A., & Cappella, J. N. (2017). The effects of emotional flow on narrative engagement – An empirical test. *International Communication Association Preconference: Narrative persuasion: From research to practice, Los Angeles, CA*
9. **Ophir, Y.**, Hawkins, L., Jamieson, K. H. (2017). The coverage of risk information about Zika in U.S media and its effects on the public. *Zika Communication Summit, The Science of Science Communication Program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA*
8. **Ophir, Y.** & Jamieson, K. H. (2017). Intentions to Use a Novel Zika Vaccine: The Effects of Misbeliefs about the MMR Vaccine and Perceptions about Zika. *Zika Communication Summit, The Science of Science Communication Program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA*

7. Sangalang, A., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2017). Using Narrative Messages to Reduce the Persistent Effects of Misinformation about Natural Tobacco Products. *NIH TRSC Tobacco Regulatory Science Conference, Bethesda, MD*
6. **Ophir, Y.**, Brennan, E., Maloney, E. K., & Cappella, J. N. (2016). The Effects of Graphic Warning Labels' Vividness on Message Engagement and Intentions to Quit Smoking. *International Communication Association, Fukuoka, Japan*
5. Brennan, E., Maloney, E. K., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2016). How to Design Effective Testimonial Warning Labels for Tobacco Products. *International Congress of Behavioral Medicine (ICBM), Melbourne, Australia*
4. Brennan, E., Maloney, E. K., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2016). Potential Effectiveness of Warning Labels Featuring Images of Real People. *NIH TRSC Tobacco Regulatory Science Conference, Bethesda, MD*
3. **Ophir, Y.**, Maloney, E. K., Brennan, E., & Cappella, J. N. (2015). Vividly Engaged: The influence of vividness on the emotional and attentional engagement with cigarette packages' graphic warning labels and its effects on intentions to quit smoking. *NIH TRSC Tobacco Regulatory Science Conference, Bethesda, MD*
2. Maloney, E. K., Brennan, E., **Ophir, Y.**, & Cappella, J. N. (2015). An evaluation of testimonial-style warning labels on cigarette packs. *NIH TRSC Tobacco Regulatory Science Conference, Bethesda, MD*
1. **Ophir, Y.** (2012). The effects of textual vividness on identification with characters in the media and the change of attitudes and behavioral intentions in the field of health communication. *"Communicating" Conference ("Metaksherim"), Haifa, Israel*

G. Invited Talks

2026

54. Misinformation and Society. *Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.*
53. Misinformation and Society. *Boston University, Boston, MA.*
52. Misinformation and Society. *University of Georgia, Athens, GA.*
51. Misinformation: The Problem, Psychology, and Solutions. *The Garret Club, Buffalo, NY.*

2025

50. *Plenary Speaker, Communicating Science in an Age of Political Polarization. The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) annual conference, Grand Rapids, MI.*

49. Misinformation and society. *Buffalo State University's Data Science and Analytics (CSA) Seminar*, Buffalo, NY.
48. Participant in panel on AI and misinformation at the Data & AI Across Academia, Business & Society meeting, InfoTech WNY, Buffalo, NY.
47. Scientific Misinformation during Crisis. *International Science Reserve at the New York Academy of Sciences*, New York, NY.
46. On misinformation and society. *Buffalo Humanities Festival*, Buffalo, NY.
45. Misinformation and podcasts. *Public Relations Society of America*, Buffalo, NY.
44. Misinformation & Society: Five lessons I've learned from studying thousands of years of falsehoods. *Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA*.
43. Misinformation, cyber security and privacy. *The NSF-FAPESP US-Brazil Workshop on Cyber Security and Privacy*, São Paulo, Brazil.
42. Misinformation & Society: Five lessons I've learned from studying thousands of years of falsehoods. *Cognitive Science Colloquium Series, Center for Cognitive Science, University at Buffalo*.
41. Misinformation and climate change. *Department of Environment and Sustainability, University at Buffalo*.
40. Misinformation & Society: Five lessons I've learned from studying thousands of years of misinformation. *Well-Beyond Seminar, Jacobs School of Medicine, University at Buffalo*.
39. Misinformation and its effects on medical and science communication. *Pediatric Ground Rounds, Jacobs School of Medicine, University at Buffalo*.
38. Misinformation & Society: Five lessons I've learned from studying thousands of years of falsehoods. *Alumni Webinar Wednesday Program, University at Buffalo*.
37. Misinformation & Society: Five lessons I've learned from studying thousands of years of misinformation. *MFSA, LGBTQ FSA, & PSS D&I, University at Buffalo*.

2024

36. The Politicization of Science and Its Implications for Vaccine Uptake: Politicians, Conservative Media, and the Far-Right. *University of Pennsylvania's Medical Communication Research Institute*.
35. The American politicization of Science: Abortion, climate change, vaccines and science from the conservative mainstream to the far-right. *National University of Singapore*.
34. Misinformation, Conspiracy Theories and Extremism in an Age of Political Mega-Identities. *The Capital District Humanist Society*.
33. Seeing Meaning: Images, text, and misinformation in the media. *Conference, International Center of Photography, New York, NY*.

2023

32. Disinformation in the “Post-Truth” Era: A New Phenomenon or an Old Problem in New Clothing? Invited opening talk for the Polish Society of the Law of New Technologies (SPNT in collaboration with C. H. Beck Publishing House) Conference on Disinformation and Law, Online.
31. Misinformation in the age of Artificial Intelligence. *The American Association of University Women*, Buffalo, NY.
30. Mixed-method approaches in communication research – brining computational and ethnographic methods together. *Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania*.
29. Computational methods in advertising contexts. *American Academy of Advertising Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO.
28. Science discourse among the extremist far-right. *University of Wisconsin at Madison*.
27. Studying extremism on social media. *Department of Humanities Sciences at the University of Luxembourg*, LU.
26. Misinformation and climate change. *Department of Geography, University at Buffalo*, NY.

2022

25. Extremism, Anti-semitism, and social media. *Jewish Community Center*, Buffalo, NY.
24. The Analysis of Topic Model Networks (ANTMN) approach. The Cutting-Edge Communication Research (CeCor) meetings at the Amsterdam School of Communication Research (ASCoR), Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
23. Extremism and public health online. *The Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania*.
22. The Analysis of topic model networks: *Department of Communication, University of Georgia*.
21. The Analysis of topic model networks: application in social media and health communication. *Department of Communication, University of New Mexico*.
20. The Analysis of topic model networks: application in social media and health communication. *Department of Communication, University of New Mexico*.
19. Computational social science in international contexts. *International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, Reichman University, Israel*.
18. Science Communication at the age of misinformation. *The International Institute of Buffalo & the U.S. Department of State, Buffalo, NY*.

17. Manipulated Perception? Fakery, authenticity, and the birth of NFTs. *The Helix Center's Roundtable Panel, New York, NY.*

2021

16. The integration of computational methods and ethnography. *The Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, PA.*
15. The Analysis of Topic Model Networks- Applications in health communication. Health Communication Research Seminar at *Northwestern University, IL.*
14. Computational Communication Research. Seminar at *University of Texas at Austin.*
13. The Analysis of Topic Model Networks in Social Media and Beyond. Research Seminar at *National University of Singapore.*
12. Communicating science at the post-truth era: News media narratives about science and their impact on trust and beliefs. *Israel Institute of Technology (Technion), Haifa, Israel.*
11. On the use of computational methods in communication research. *Moody College of Communication at the University of Texas at Austin.*
10. Communication in the age of misinformation and post-truth. Public Relations Society of America's Counselors to Higher Education 2021 Summer Symposium. *Online.*
9. Big Data analysis in Social Media. *The Israeli Communication Association Guest Lectures Series. Online.*
8. Text as Data - The Analysis of Topic Model Networks. The Digital Scholarship Studio and Network (DSSN), *University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.*
7. Communicating Science in the age of misinformation and post-truth. The 25th Undergraduate Research Conference Workshop, *University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.*
6. Social Media and Misinformation. UB Alumni Academy, *University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.*
5. Social Media and academia: Increasing visibility, avoiding unintended consequences. The 25th Undergraduate Research Conference Workshop, *University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.*
4. Analyzing Big Text Data in Social Media Contexts. Society and Computing Club, *University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.*

2020

3. Computational communication research: Unsupervised machine learning. *University of Wisconsin at Madison, WI.*

2. Studying vaccine hesitancy using computational methods for textual big data: Russian trolls, misinformed parents, & journalistic routines. *University of Haifa, Israel.*

2019

1. The media and epidemics: An organizational collision. *Villanova University, PA.*

TEACHING

1. Department of Communication, University at Buffalo (2019-Present)

Undergraduate courses

AI325: AI and the Information Environment
COM240: Introduction to Mass Communication
COM217: Organizational Communication
COM466: The Dark Side of Media
COM468: Misinformation & Society

Graduate courses

COM681: Computational Communication Methods
COM681: Misinformation & Society
COM515: Communication Theories

2. Singapore Institute of Management (2024-Present)

Undergraduate courses

COM205: Research Methods
COM468: Misinformation & Society

Committees and Mentoring

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Chair

1. Yijin Gui, current
2. Emily Lapan, current
3. Emily Black, current
4. Rui Wang, graduated 2024 (Placement: Assistant Professor at Loyola Maryland)
5. Raphaela Velho, graduated 2025 (Placement: Performance Marketing Specialist at Beatly)
6. Anita Kuei-Chun Liu, graduated 2023 (Placement: Assistant Professor at National Taiwan University)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member

1. Madison Neurohr, current
2. Gavin Raffloer, current
3. Xinxia Dong, graduated 2024
4. Shu-An Tsai, Political Science, UB, graduated 2024
5. Tahleen Lattimer, graduated 2025
6. Sagarika Suresh Thimmanayakanapalya, Business School, UB, graduated 2024
7. Ryan James Gautreaux (Georgia State University), current
8. Melissa M. Moore, graduated 2021

M.A. Thesis Committee Chair

1. Odinn McLoughlin, current
2. Emily Lapan, graduated 2023
3. Jessica Bass, graduated 2023
4. Angela Mei Chun Ho, 2021
5. Anne Daigler, graduated 2021
6. Emily Andrews, graduated 2021
7. Devin Forde, graduated 2021

M.A Thesis Committee Member

1. Yin Leong, graduated, 2023
2. Chris Dobmeier, graduated, 2020
3. Cass Mcallister, graduated 2020

Teaching Assistant

Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania (2015)

Graduate courses

Introduction to Communication Research for graduate students

University of Haifa (2010-2013)

Undergraduate courses

Introduction to Mass media for undergraduate students

Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods

Graduate courses

Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods

SERVICE

University at Buffalo and College of Arts and Sciences Service

- Between 2004-2025, served on the Dean's Curriculum Committee on AI and Society.

- From 2025, I've served as an Affiliated Faculty member for the Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (IAD)
- Between 2020 and 2025 I actively participated in the development and planning of the new UB Center for Information Integrity: An interdisciplinary center that aims to connect researchers from different departments and disciplines for collaborative work on misinformation. As of October 2021, the center received \$50,000 per year x 3 years for seed funding for pilot studies from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (OVPRED).
- Organizing, coordinating, and hosting the misinformation and extremism panel in the Center for Information Integrity Conference at Buffalo.
- Participated in the Dean's Advisory Council meeting panel on Artificial Intelligence
- Job Search Committee member for the Department of Political Science for 2 hiring lines (2022)
- In 2022, serving as a research mentor on topics related to vaccine hesitancy for Dr. Gillian Franklin, Assistant Professor Hlth. Sci., Biomedical Informatics
- Served as a grant reviewer for UB's KL2 MCDA applications for the 2022 cohort of C TSI K-Scholars
- A guest lecture for the UB Alumni Academy annual conference: Social media and misinformation in 2021.
- A guest lecturer at UB International Institute's Kazakhstani delegation event, hosted by the GRoW Clean Energy Center
- Organizing, coordinating, and chairing a Public Sphere open meeting for all UB students to discuss the results of the 2020 Elections (November 4th 2020. <http://www.buffalo.edu/ubnow/stories/2020/11/post-election.html>)

Department of Communication at University at Buffalo Service

- Job Search Committee member (2019)
- 2019-2020 Organizing and leading the Communication Students Communicating Science (CS²) professional development lab, bi-weekly meetings.
- Organizing, coordinating and chairing a series of guest lectures for Communication students and faculty in the area of computational communication research and digital data analysis (2020-2022)
- Operating and maintaining the Department's official Twitter account (2019-2022)
- Conducting professional development seminars for UB students (2019-2023)

Community Service

- Invited talks in community-based organizations, such as the Jewish Community Center (2022)
- Lectures and talks for the International Institute of Buffalo (2022)

Journal Editorial Work

Associate Editor, International Journal of Public Opinion Research (Since 2025)

Journal Editorial Board Member

Journal of Communication (Since 2020)

Health Communication (Since 2021)

Human Communication Research (Since 2022)

Science Communication (Since 2025)

Ad hoc Reviewer (Alphabetical order by publisher)

Book reviews (Book names masked for confidentiality):

- *Springer*: An edited book on entertainment-education research
- *Routledge Press*: A manuscript on misinformation
- *Cambridge University Press*: A manuscript on AI fact-checking
- *Peter Lang Publisher*: A manuscript on the media coverage of the Black Lives Matters movement
- *Peter Lang Publisher*: An edited book on narrative persuasion
- *Wiley Books*: A manuscript on crisis communication and social media

Dissertation external reviews:

- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- University of Cambridge, UK
- University of Haifa, Israel

Grant reviews:

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Methods – Experimental design, Surveys, Automated text analysis, Topic modeling, Machine learning, Network analysis, Content Analysis, Survey design and programming (Qualtrics).

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