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EDUCATION

- 2001** **Ph.D.** Rutgers, The State University. New Brunswick, NJ
Major Field: Communication
Minor Field: Mediated Communication
Dissertation: Making sense of health and illness: A study of individuals confronting terminal illness from a constitutive communication perspective. Dr. H. B. Mokros, Chair
- 1979** **MA.** Communication
University of Northern Colorado, Greeley
- 1977** **BS.** Political Science with honors
Willamette University, Salem, OR

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aug 2004 - Present

Chair, Department of Fine Arts and Communication
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX
Responsible for teaching three courses each semester, advising communication majors and curriculum development within the Department of Fine Arts and Communication. Additionally, responsible for departmental organization, reporting, and management of departmental budgets, .

Aug 2001 - Aug 2004

Assistant Professor of Communication, Department of Fine Arts and Communication
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX
Responsible for teaching four courses each semester, advising communication majors and curriculum development

Aug 2000 - May 2001

Full Time Adjunct Instructor, Department of Communication
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Responsible for teaching four undergraduate communication courses each semester.

Jan 1998 - Aug 2000

Part time adjunct instructor, Department of Communication
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Taught two undergraduate communication courses each semester including: Introduction to Communication and Information Studies; Introduction to Media Studies; Interpersonal Communication; Fundamentals of Speaking and Listening; Public Speaking; Group Communication; and, Family Communication.

Sept 1999 - May 2000

Part time instructor, Speech Department
Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ,

Taught one course of Speech 115, Effective Speech Extension Office each semester

Sept 1998 - Dec 1998

Part time instructor, Communication Department

Seton Hall University, Orange, NJ

Involved full responsibility for planning and teaching one section of Oral Communication, including textbook selection.

Sept 1977 - May 1978

Teaching Assistant, Department of Communication

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Duties included teaching two sections of Public Speaking and one section of Interpersonal Communication and assisting with the competitive speech team, accompanying the team to intercollegiate tournaments and serving as the representative judge for UNC.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Aakhus, M., & Rumsey, E., (2010). Crafting supportive Communication online: A communication design analysis of conflict in an online support group. *Journal of Applied Communication Research* 38(1), 65-84.

Rumsey, E., (2003) *Support Matters in Identity Matters: Communication-Based Explorations and Explanations*, H.B Mokros (Ed) Hampton Press

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Rumsey, E. (2007, November) *Connecting Competition and Education: A Critical Examination of the Role of the Ballot in Debate Education*. Paper presentation at the National Convention of the National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

Rumsey, E. (2005, November) *Reasons for Decision: An Analysis of Cross Examination Debate Ballots*. Poster presented at the National Communication Association National Convention, Boston, MA.

Rumsey, E. (2004, May) *Assessing Needs Through the Study of Online Support Sites*. Paper presented at the International Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Rumsey, E. (2004, November) *They Mean Well, But . . .* Poster presented at the National Communication Association National Convention, Chicago, IL.

Aukas, M., & Rumsey, E. (2003, November) *Communicative Action and Norms in Flaming and Hostile Communication: Conflict Communication in an Online Cancer Support Group*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association National Convention, Miami, FL.

Rumsey, E. (2002, November) *Maintaining the Illusion of Participant Similarity in an Online Cancer Support Site*. Poster presented at the National Communication Association National Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Rumsey, E. (2002, April) *Uncertainty Management in Ongoing Supportive*

Interactions: A Case Study of Selective Participation in an Online Cancer Support Group. Paper presented at the Central States Communication Association Convention, Milwaukee, WI.

Rumsey, E. (2001, June) *Support Matters: Identity and Expressed Needs in an Online Cancer Support Group.* Paper presented at the International Communication Association Convention, Washington, DC.

Rumsey, E. (2001, April) *Developing an Integrated Approach to the Study of Online Communication.* Paper presented at The Eastern Communication Association Conference, Portland, ME.

Rumsey, E., & Mokros, H.B. (2001, November) *Developing a Methodology: An Interactive Approach to the Study of Asynchronous Online Communication.* Poster presentation at the National Communication Association National Convention, Atlanta, GA.

Rumsey, E. (2001, November) *Participant Characteristics and Expressed Needs in an Online Cancer Support Group.* Paper presented at the National Communication Association National Convention, Atlanta, GA.

Rumsey, E. (2000, April) *Health Narratives on the News: Media Representation of Health Values in Relation to Questions of Equal Access.* Paper presented at the New Jersey Communication Association Conference, Glassboro, NJ and Eastern Communication Association Conference, Pittsburg, PA.

Rumsey, E. (1999, October) *Communicating Social Support: The Potential Benefits and Limitations of Computer Mediated Communication.* Paper presented at New York State Speech Association Conference, Monticello, NY.

Rumsey, E. (1999, October) *News Narratives and the Issue of Societal Vs Individual Responsibility: Implications for Health Care Policy.* Paper accepted at Diversity and the Media: Scholarship Strategies and Solutions. Third Annual Conference sponsored by the Center for Mass Communications Research, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, Clemson, SC (Paper accepted but not presented due to cancellation of conference)

Rumsey, E. (1999, November) *"Sticks and Stones..." The Effects of Hostile Communication: A Case Study of One Online Cancer Support Group.* Poster presentation at the National Communication Association National Convention, Chicago, IL.