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Education

2016 – 2020	Doctor of Philosophy Louisiana State University Department of Communication Studies Concentration: Interpersonal Communication Advisor: Dr. James Honeycutt, Ph.D.
2014 – 2016	Master of Arts University of Wyoming Department of Communication and Journalism Advisor: Dr. Leah LeFebvre, Ph.D
2012 – 2014	Bachelor of Science University of Wyoming Major: Social Science/University Honors Program Minor: Environment and Natural Resources Undergraduate Thesis Advisor: Dr. Li Li, Ph.D
2010 – 2012	Associate of Science Casper College

Academic Appointments

Instructor	Department of Communication Studies, Louisiana State University, Instructor – Public Speaking August 2020 – Present
Manager	Matchbox Interaction Laboratory, Department of Communication Studies, Louisiana State University. August 2018-Present
Graduate Assistant	Department of Communication Studies, Louisiana State University, Instructor of record – Public Speaking and interpersonal communication, August 2016 – May 2020

Graduate Assistant	Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Wyoming, Instructor of record – Public Speaking, August 2014 – May 2016
Teaching Assistant	Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Wyoming, Advanced Interpersonal Communication, under the supervision of Dr. Leah LeFebvre, Spring 2016
Teaching Assistant	Department of Communication and Journalism, University of Wyoming, Cross Cultural Communication in Beijing, China, under the supervision of Dr. Li Li, Winter session 2013

News Coverage and Invited Talks

- LaChance, B. (2021, May 18). Axe throwing to help spark Casper's speed dating scene. <https://oilcity.news/community/2021/05/18/lsu-uw-relationship-expert-sparking-up-casper-speed-dating-scene-with-help-of-a-little-ax-throwing/>
- Mehta, V. (2019, March 11). The anatomy of ghosting. *Psychology Today*. Retrieved from: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/head-games/201903/the-anatomy-ghosting>
- Goodcase, E., & Jones, D. (2019, October 31). Ghosted: Love gone missing with Dr. Leah LeFebvre & Ryan Rasner. Podcast retrieved from <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/relevate-presents-scholars-ship/id1352727197>

Awards, Honors, and Recognition

- 2018 – 2019 Outstanding Interpersonal Scholar, Louisiana State University, Department of Communication Studies, Graduate Student Association
- Spring 2019 Student nominated Guest Coach – Louisiana State University, Baseball – for making a positive impact on students' academic careers
- 2015 – 2016 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Rocky Mountain Communication Association
- 2015 – 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Research, University of Wyoming, Department of Communication and Journalism
- 2014 – 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Research, University of Wyoming, Department of Communication and Journalism

Research Interests

My primary research interests are in interpersonal communication and the formation and development of romantic relationships. I focus specifically on the initiation and dissolution of relationships. Over the past year I began investigating how observation operates and is communicated in relationships. My dissertation explored observational communication in romantic relationships through a mixed methodological approach, including scale development and validation. Currently, an empirical publication with co-authors conceptualizing the ghosting phenomenon as a dissolution strategy was featured in *Psychology Today*. Projects in progress

with various research teams are studying the friend-zone phenomenon, infidelity and affection deprivation, and multiple manuscripts on ghosting as a dissolution strategy.

Teaching Interests

My primary teaching interests focus on interpersonal and intrapersonal communication. Currently, I am teaching public speaking, which I have taught for the past five years. I have also taught interpersonal communication and mentored undergraduates in a research lab, which I developed at LSU. I am currently directing the Matchbox Interaction Laboratory at LSU where I mentor undergraduate students in research and data collection. Students conduct a full research study from start to finish with me and submit the completed study for conference presentation and publication.

Publications

Honeycutt, J. M., & **Rasner, R. D.** (2021). An Evolutionary Science Perspective on Intuition, Rationality, Conflict, and Moral Judgments: Evolutionary Perspective on Moral Decision Making. In L. Schedletshy (Eds.), *Relational Bias in Communication Theory*. IGI Global

LeFebvre, L. E., **Rasner, R. D.** (2021). Affective self-regulation after relationship dissolution. In J. Mogliski & T. Shackelford (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology and Romantic relationships*. Oxford University Press

LeFebvre, L. E., **Rasner, R.D.**, Kahlow, J. A., & Allen, M. (Under review). When did we break up?: Applying media richness and channel expansion theories to ghosting. *Computers in Human Behavior*.

LeFebvre, L. E., **Rasner, R. D.**, & Allen, M. (2020). "I guess I'll never know...": Non-initiators account-making after being ghosted. *Journal of Loss and Trauma: International Perspectives on Stress & Coping*, 25(5), 395-415. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15325024.2019.1694299>

Honeycutt, J. M. & **Rasner, R. D.** (2019). Physiological arousal while ruminating about conflict with a quantum application to relational observation. In K. Floyd & R. Weber (Eds.), *Handbook of Communication Science and Biology*. London: Routledge.

Rasner, R. D. (2019). Applying imagined interaction to an evolutionary view of jealousy and trauma. In J. M. Honeycutt (Eds.), *Coping with trauma: Promoting mental health through imagery and imagined interaction (pps. 42- 56)*. New York: Peter Lang.

LeFebvre, L. E., Allen, M., Rasner, R., Garstad, S., Wilms, A., & Parrish, C. (2019). Ghosting in emerging adults' romantic relationships: The digital disappearance dissolution strategy. *Imagination, Cognition, and Personality*, 39, 125150. doi:10.1177/0276236618820519 (**Lead article**)

Rasner, R. D. (2018). Review: Ecstatic soul retrieval: Shamanism and psychotherapy. By Nicholas Brink, 2017, *Imagination, Personality and Cognition*, 38, 54-56. doi:10.1177/0276236618758032

LeFebvre, L. E., & **Rasner, R. D.** (2017). Adaptations to traditional family roles: Examining the challenges of grandmothers' counter-life transitions. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 15, 104-124. doi:https://doi.org/10.1080/15350770.2017.1294010

Manuscripts in Progress

LeFebvre, L. E., **Rasner, R.**, Kickert, C., McLelland, B., Owen, E., & Iyer A. (under review). Conceptualizing the friendzone. Submission is under consideration at *Personal Relationships*

LeFebvre, L. E., Allen, M., & **Rasner, R. D.** (under review). Media impacts emotional suffering: Exploring the non-initiator's perspective as a target of ghosting. Submission is under consideration at *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*

Rasner, R. D. (in progress). Observation in close relationships: Explicating a measure of observational communication.

Coduto, K. D., & **Rasner, R. D.** (in progress). Self-Monitoring and Empathy: A Give and Take in Romantic Relationships.

Rasner, R. D., & LeFebvre, L. E. (in progress). Leveling the Relational Playing Field: Examining Cross-Sex Friendship and Mating Strategies

Li, L., & **Rasner, R. D.** (in progress). What is in play?: Exploring the effect of student note-taking and exam mode on student perceived teacher clarity and student learning.

Conference Presentations

LeFebvre, L. E., & **Rasner, R. D.** (2021). *Evolutionary psychology and romantic relationships: Affective self-regulation after relationship dissolution*. Paper will be virtually presented to the Interpersonal Communication Division at Southern States Communication Association Conference due to COVID-19.

Rasner, R. D., & LeFebvre, L. E. (2019). Leveling the Relational Playing Field: Examining Cross-Sex Friendship and Mating Strategies. Presented at the annual International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) 2019 mini-conference in Ottawa, Canada.

Coduto, K., & **Rasner, R. D.** (2019). Self-monitoring and empathy: A give and take in romantic relationships. Presented at the annual IARR 2019 mini-conference in Ottawa, Canada.

Rasner, R. D. (2019). Relational Observation: A New Perspective in Relational Communication Presented at the National Southern States Communication Association Conference in Montgomery, Alabama.

Li, L., & **Rasner, R. D.** (2018). What is in play? Exploring the effect of student note-taking and exam mode on student perceived teacher clarity and student learning. Presented at the National Communication Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rasner, R. D. (2018). Seeing life through green eyes: Predicting jealousy through imagined interactions. Presented at the National Communication Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rasner, R., & LeFebvre, L. E.(2018). *This I believe about love.* Teaching innovation to be presented at the Great Ideas For Teaching Session (G.I.F.T.S.) at the National Communication Association Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Honeycutt, J. M., & **Rasner, R. D.** (2017) Dominance as defined through asymmetry in predictability: An exploration of the relational stage model. Paper presented to the Interpersonal Communication Division National Communication Association Conference, Dallas, Texas.

LeFebvre, L. E., **Rasner, R. D.,** Parrish, C., Brasher, B., Choal, C., Cornell, E., Garstad, S., Johnsen, S., Klopfer, M., Lara, K., Marquez, G., Miller, C., Monaghan, S., Morrison, R., Ramlo, S., Walsh, B., Williams, K., & Wilms, A. (2017). It's not me, it's definitely you: Conceptualizing the ghosting phenomenon in emerging adult relationships. Presented to the Interpersonal Communication Interest Group in Salt Lake City, Utah

LeFebvre, L., & **Rasner, R. D.** (2016). "He/She swipes me right, swipes me left, swipes me up, or not at all: Tinder - The new age of mobile app dating." Paper presented to the Interpersonal Communication Division National Communication Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LeFebvre, L., & **Rasner, R., D.** (2016). *Can your hear me now?: Exploring the memorialization of interpersonal relationships through mobile voicemail.* Presented at International Association for Relationship Research Conference in Toronto, Canada.

LeFebvre, L., & **Rasner, R. D.**(2016). *Swiping away stigma: Exploring Tinder's effects on relationship initiation.* Presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Rasner, R. D., & LeFebvre, L. (2016). *Examining the foundations and functions of Narcotics Anonymous: An autoethnographic account of addiction and identity.* Presented at the Health Communication Interest Group at the Central States Communication Association Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rasner, R. D. (2015). *Facebook posts of dissatisfaction: Applying relational dialectics theory to online romantic relationships*. Presented at the 45th Annual Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

LeFebvre, L., LeFebvre, L., **Rasner, R. D.**, Stout, C. A., & Dyer, N. (2015). "*Attack of the butterflies*": *Students' fears about public speaking in their own words*. Communication and Instruction Interest Group at the Western States Communication Association Conference in San Diego, California.

Rasner, R. D. (2014). *Twelve steps and twelve realizations: My rebound from a 12-step lobotomy*. Presented at the Speech Communication Association of South Dakota annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Guest Lectures

Rasner, R. D. (2018). Guest lecturer for Imagined Interactions and Intrapersonal Communication CMST 4111 under supervision of Dr. James Honeycutt, Louisiana State University

Rasner, R. D. (2015). Guest lecturer for Qualitative Research Methods COJO 5080 under supervision of Dr. Leah LeFebvre, University of Wyoming

Rasner, R. D. (2014). Guest speaker for Cross-Cultural Communication under supervision of Dr. Li Li, University of Wyoming

Journal & Conference Reviewer

2020 Communication Quarterly

2020 CyberPsychology

2019 Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) – Communication Theory Division

2019 Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) – Interpersonal Communication Division

2019 Psychology of Consciousness: Theory, Research, and Practice

2017 International Communication Association (ICA) – Information Systems Division

2017 Western States Communication Association (WSCA) – Interpersonal Communication Interest Group

2017 Imagination, Cognition and Personality

2016 National Communication Association (NCA) – Student section

2016 Western States Communication Association (WSCA) – Interpersonal Communication Interest Group

2015 Eastern Communication Association (ECA) – Communication and Technology Interest Group