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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor of Communication, Department of Communication, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, 2019 – Present
- Affiliated Faculty, Department of Psychology, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, 2021 - Present
- Social Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, The Ohio State University, 2016 - 2019

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

- Ph. D. in Social Psychology, 2016.
Dissertation Title: Navigating One's Social Relationships to Thrive: Uncovering and Understanding the Divergent Effects of Supportive Social Relationships
Committee: Oscar Ybarra (Chair), Ethan Kross, Phoebe Ellsworth, Jeffrey Sanchez-Burks
- M.S. in Social Psychology, 2012. Advisor: Oscar Ybarra
Thesis Title: Supportive Social Relationships Attenuate the Appeal of Choice
- B.A. in Psychology, 2009. Advisor: Oscar Ybarra
Thesis Title: Seeing Friendliness in Negative Feedback

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study the elements of interpersonal relations that enable people to thrive. Specifically, my research interests include:

- Social relationships & Health/Well-being
- Social media use & Computer-mediated communication
- Social support, Social capital, & Social networks

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

denotes student co-author(s).

- **Lee, D. S.** & Fujita, K. (in press). From whom do people seek what type of support? A regulatory scope perspective. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.
- #Toh, Z. & **Lee, D. S.** (in press). Is that Insta Worthy? Predicting Content Sharing Behavior on Social Media through Interpersonal Goals. *Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace*.

- **Lee, D. S.**, Jiang, T., Crocker, J., & Way, B. M. (2022). Social Media Use and its Link to Physical Health Indicators. *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*, *25*, 87-93.
- #Yue, Z., **Lee, D. S.**, & Xiao, J. (2021). Social media use, psychological well-being and physical health during lockdown. *Information, Communication and Society*.
- **Lee, D. S.** & Way, B. M. (2021). Social media use and chronic inflammation: The moderating role of self-esteem. *Brain, Behavior, & Immunity – Health*, *16*, 100300.
- Wong, J. C. S., Yang, J. Z., Liu, Z., **Lee, D. S.**, & Yue, Z. (2021). Fast and Frugal: Information Processing Related to The Coronavirus Pandemic. *Risk Analysis*, *41*, 771-786.
- Rhee, L., Bayer, J., **Lee, D. S.**, & Kuru, O. (2021). Social by Definition: How Users Define Social Platforms and Why It Matters. *Telematics and Informatics*, *59*, 101538.
- **Lee, D.S.**, Jiang, T., Canevello, A., & Crocker, J. (2020). Motivational Underpinnings of Successful Support Giving: Compassionate Goals Promote Matching Support Provision. *Personal Relationships*, *28*, 276-296.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Stahl, J. L., & Bayer, J. B. (2020). Social Resources as Cognitive Structures: Thinking about a Dense Support Network Increases Perceived Support. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *4*, 405-422.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Orvell, A., Briskin, J., #Shrapnell, T., Gelman, S., Ayduk, O., Ybarra, O., & Kross, E. (2020). When chatting about negative experiences helps—and when it hurts: Distinguishing adaptive vs. maladaptive social support in computer-mediated communication. *Emotion*, *20*, 368-375.
- **Lee, D. S.** & Way, B. M. (2019). Perceived Social Support and Chronic Inflammation: The Moderating Role of Self-esteem. *Health Psychology*, *38*, 563-566.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Ybarra, O., Gonzalez, R., & Ellsworth, P. (2018). I-through-We: How Supportive Social Relationships Facilitate Personal Growth. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *44*, 37-48.
- **Lee, D. S.**, & Ybarra, O. (2017). Cultivating effective social support through abstraction: Reframing social support promotes goal-pursuit. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, *43*, 453-464.
- Park, J., **Lee, D. S.**, Shablack, H., Verduyn, P., Ybarra, O., Jonides, J., & Kross, E. (2016). When perceptions defy reality: The role of actual and perceived Facebook social support in depression. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, *200*, 37-44.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Kim, E., & Schwarz, N. (2015) Something smells fishy: Olfactory suspicion cues improve performance on the Moses illusion and Wason rule generation task. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, *59*, 47-50.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Moeller, S., Kopelman, S., & Ybarra, O. (2015). Biased Social Perceptions of Knowledge: Implications for Negotiators' Rapport and Outcomes. *Negotiation and Conflict Management Research*, *8*, 21-35.
- Verduyn, P., **Lee, D. S.**, Park, J., Shablack, H., Orvell, A., Bayer, J., Ybarra, O., Jonides, J., & Kross, E. (2015). Passive Facebook usage undermines affective well-being: Experimental and longitudinal evidence. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *144*, 480-488.

- Kross, E., Verduyn, P., Demiralp, E., Park, J., **Lee, D. S.**, Lin, N., Jonides, J., & Ybarra, O. (2013) Facebook use predicts declines in subjective well-being in young adults. *PLOS One*, 8, 1-6.
- Ybarra, O., Kross, E., **Lee, D. S.**, Zhao, Y., Dougherty, A., & Sanchez-Burks, J. (2013). Toward a more contextual psychological and dynamic model of emotional intelligence. In A.B. Bakker (Ed.), *Advances in positive organizational psychology* (pp. 167-187). Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing.
- *Ybarra, O., ***Lee, D. S.**, & Gonzalez, R. (2012). Supportive social relationships attenuate the appeal of choice. *Psychological Science*, 23, 1186-1192.
* = Equal contribution
- Ybarra, O., Park, H., Stanik, C., & **Lee, D. S.** (2012). Self-judgment and reputation monitoring as a function of the fundamental dimensions, temporal appraisal, and culture. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, 42, 200-209.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVISION OR REVIEW

- **Lee, D. S.**, Jiang, T., Crocker, J., & Way, B, M. Social Media Use and Physical Health: Investigating the Self-Fulfilling Effects of the Lay Theory of Social Media.
- **Lee, D. S.** & Way, B. M. Does Inflammation Predict Social Media Use? Two Studies Link a Biological Marker of Systemic Inflammation with Social Media Use Among College Students and Middle-Aged Adults.
- #Yue, Z., Yang, J, Z., **Lee, D. S.**, Wong, J. C., & Liu, Z. Social Identification, Psychological Distance, Compassionate Goals, and Willingness to Help during the COVID-19 Outbreak.
- Liu, Z., Yang, J, Z., Wong, J. C., Yue, Z., & **Lee, D. S.** Information seeking and sharing during the coronavirus outbreak: An application of the Risk Information Seeking and Processing model.
- #Toh, Z. & **Lee, D. S.** Interpersonal Goals and Cognitive Social Structures: Lowering Burnout Amongst Nurses through Perceived Network Density.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- **Lee, D. S.**, Jiang, T., Crocker, J., & Way, B, M. Motives behind using social media: How interpersonal goals moderate the link between social media use and physical health.
- **Lee, D. S.**, & Jiang, T. The role of ecosystem and egosystem in emotion regulation.
- **Lee, D. S.** Building social capital through social media: The role of attachment styles.
- **Lee, D. S.** & Ybarra, O. Cost of support not sought: Interpersonal implications of not sharing negative news.
- **Lee, D. S.** Interpersonal goals and capitalization.
- Li, W., Bayer, J. B., & **Lee, D. S.** Cognitive social network density: The role of individual difference.
- Bayer, J. B. & **Lee, D. S.** Social network and its energizing effects: An experience sampling study.
- Crocker, J., Canevello, A., Jiang, T., & **Lee, D. S.** Theory of social motivation: Egosystem and ecosystem.

- Li, C., **Lee, D. S.**, Adams, S., Ybarra, O., & Bi, C. How to socially disgust someone: Humblebragging in a Chinese context.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- **Lee, D. S.** (2020). "Thriving through social connections" Presented at the Close Relationships Laboratory (Dr. Bill Chopik), Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- **Lee, D. S.** (2019). "Thriving through social connections: Why we need more than supportive relationships". Presented at University at Buffalo (Department of Psychology), State University of New York, Buffalo, NY.
- **Lee, D. S.** (2019). "A construal level theory perspective on social support transactions: To whom do we go for what type of support?" Presented at University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, NY.
- **Lee, D. S.** (2018). "A construal level theory perspective on support transactions". Presented at Miami University (Social Psychology Brownbag series), Oxford, OH.
- **Lee, D. S.** (2018). "Thriving through social connections: Why we need more than supportive relationships". Presented at Miami University (Department of Psychology), Oxford, OH.
- **Lee, D. S.** (2018). "Thriving through social connections: Why we need more than supportive relationships". Presented at University at Buffalo (Department of Communication), State University of New York, Buffalo, NY.

CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS

- **Lee, D.S.** & Way, B. M. (2022, July). Does Inflammation Predict Social Media Use? Two Studies Linking Inflammation with Social Media Use Among College Students and Middle-Aged Adults. Paper to presented at *the 12th International Conference on Social Media & Society*. Virtual.
- #Yue, Z., **Lee, D.S.**, & Xiao, J. (2021, May). Social media use, psychological well-being and physical health among Wuhan residents during the COVID-19 outbreak. Paper presented at *the 71st Annual Conference of International Communication Association*. Virtual.
- #Yue, Z., **Lee, D.S.**, & Yang, J.Z. (2020, December). Compassionate goals, prosocial emotions and prosocial behavior during COVID-19 pandemic. Abstract presented at *the Annual Meeting of the Society for Risk Analysis*. Virtual.
- #Yue, Z., **Lee, D.S.**, Yang J.Z., Wong, CS. J., & Liu, Z. (2020, August). Social identification, psychological distance, compassionate goals, and willingness to help during the COVID-19 outbreak. Paper presented at *103th Annual Meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*. Virtual.
- Wong, CS. J., Yang J.Z., Liu, Z., **Lee, D.S.**, & Yue, Z. (2020, August). Fast and frugal: Information processing related to the Coronavirus pandemic. Paper presented at *103th Annual Meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*. Virtual.
- Liu, Z., Yang, J.Z., Wong, CS. J., Yue, Z., & **Lee, D.S.** (2020, August). Information seeking and sharing during the Coronavirus Outbreak: An application of the risk information seeking and processing model. Paper presented at *103th Annual Meeting of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication*. Virtual.

- **Lee, D. S.**, Stahl, J. L., & Bayer, J. B. (2020). "Social resources as cognitive structures: Thinking about a dense support network increases perceived support." Paper presented at the 70th Annual International Communication Association (ICA) conference, Gold Coast, Australia.
- Rhee, L., Bayer, J., **Lee, D. S.**, & Kuru, O. (2020). "Are social media still social? Defining the essence of platforms." Paper presented at the 70th Annual International Communication Association (ICA) conference, Gold Coast, Australia.
- Stahl, J., **Lee, D. S.**, & Bayer J. B. (2019). "Situated network effects on social support." Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Zee, K. S. & **Lee, D. S.** (2018). "New Insights into the Ingredients of Effective Social Support: Implications for Theory and Application". Co-chaired symposium at Association for Psychological Science (APS) conference, San Francisco, CA.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Orvell, A., Briskin, J., Shrapnell, T., Gelman, S., Ayduk, O., Ybarra, O., & Kross, E. (2018). "When talking to others about negative experiences helps—and when it hurts". Association for Psychological Science (APS) conference, San Francisco, CA.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Crocker, J., Kross, E., Ybarra, O., & Ayduk, O. (2017). "Why do certain social support provisions go wrong?" Society of Experimental Social Psychology (SESP) conference, Boston, MA.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Briskin, J., Shrapnell, T., Ayduk, O., Kross, E., & Ybarra, O. (2017). "From self-reflection to social-reflection: Processes distinguishing adaptive vs. maladaptive social support," International Association Relationship Research (IARR) Mini-Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Briskin, J., Shrapnell, T., Kross, E., & Ybarra, O. (2017). "Processes Distinguishing Adaptive vs. Maladaptive Social Support," Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- **Lee, D. S.** (2016). "Navigating One's Social Relationships to Thrive: Uncovering and Understanding the Divergent Effects of Supportive Social Relationships," Presentation at the Social Cognition Research Group (SCRG), The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- **Lee, D. S.**, & Ybarra, O. (2015). "The Two-sided Effects of Social Support on Goal-pursuit: How You Think about Your Social Support Matters," Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Close Relationships preconference, Long Beach, CA.
- **Lee, D. S.**, Kim, E., Lee, W. S., & Schwarz, N. (2014). "Something smells fishy: Sensory distrust primes improve critical thinking," Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) conference, Austin, TX.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Daniel Katz Dissertation Fellowship in Psychology and Survey Methodology (\$22,000) (1 awarded to top dissertation proposal in Psychology at University of Michigan)
- UM Patricia Gurin Dissertation Award (\$500) (1 awarded per year for the top research on identity, diversity, self-efficacy, and control)
- UM Department of Psychology Dissertation/Thesis Grant (\$1000)
- UM Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$2800)
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology Diversity Travel Award (\$500)
- UM Department of Psychology Summer Training Grant (\$3200)
- UM Rackham Graduate Fellowship

TRAINING IN STATISTICS AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistics

Advanced Statistical Methods (ANOVA, Regression, PCA, FA)

Dyadic Data Analysis (Actor-Partner Interdependence Model, Longitudinal and Cross-Lagged Analyses)

Multilevel Modeling

Other Technical Skills

Mechanical Turk, CloudResearch

Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC)

TEACHING & ADVISING

TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Psychology

Interpersonal Communication

Communication Theory

Close Relationships

Entrepreneurship

Social Media

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Demystify Your Relationships (COM 199), Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Demystify Your Relationships (COM 483), Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Entrepreneurship & Communication (COM 481; COM 473), Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Communication Theory (COM 517), Spring 2023

Head Instructor, University of Michigan

The Psychology of Entrepreneurship, Spring 2015

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

Introduction to Psychology, Winter 2014

Introduction to Social Psychology, Fall 2013

Introduction to Social Psychology, Winter 2013

Introduction to Social Psychology, Winter 2012

Introduction to Social Psychology, Fall 2011

Guest Lectures & Workshops

“Thriving through Supportive Social Connections” (UB)

(COM 500 Graduate seminar by Dr. Mark Frank)

“Thriving through Supportive Social Connections” (Ohio State)

(An undergraduate course on Close Relationships by Dr. Lisa Libby)

Workshop on “Navigating the Postdoc Job Market” (Ohio State)

(Social Psychology colloquium at Ohio State University)

“Thriving through Supportive Relationships” (Ohio State)

(Undergraduate course on Close Relationships by Dr. Lisa Libby)

Social Contexts of Self-control and Emotion-regulation (UM)

(Graduate course on Emotion & Motivation by Dr. Ethan Kross)

Social Pressures on Intellectual Functioning (UM)

(Undergraduate course on Intelligence by Dr. Oscar Ybarra)
Social Psychology of Entrepreneurship and Intrapreneurship (UM)
(Undergraduate course on Entrepreneurship by Dr. Oscar Ybarra)
The Social and The Intellect (UM)
(Freshman seminar on Intelligence by Dr. Oscar Ybarra)
Entrepreneurship and Intrapreneurship (UM)
(Freshman seminar on Entrepreneurship by Dr. Oscar Ybarra)
Introduction to Social Cognition (UM)
(Introduction to Psychology by Dr. Marion Perlmutter)
Introduction to Social Behavior (UM)
(Introduction to Psychology by Dr. Marion Perlmutter)
Conducting Research at UM (UM)
(Graduate course in Social Psychology)
“Graduate Student Life” for 2015 UM Social Psychology Graduate Student Recruitment Weekend

COMMITTEES AND MENTORING

Ph. D. Dissertation Committee

Zach Glowacki (2023)
Zena Toh (2023), Chair
Zhiying (Zoey) Yue (2022), Chair

M.A. Committee

Nancy Acosta (2022)
Peter Deyo (2021), Chair
Elizabeth Barnes (2020)

Thesis Students

Taylor Shrapnell, MA (2016)
Eunjung Kim, BA (2014)
Salomi Rami, BA (2013)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

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Society of Personality and Social Psychology
International Communication Association
Association for Psychological Science
International Association Relationship Research

SERVICE

University at Buffalo Department of Communication Brown Bag Coordinator (2021 – ongoing)
University at Buffalo, CAS Policy Committee Representative (Department of COM) (2020- ongoing)
Ohio State University Social Psychology Area Paid Participant Pool Coordinator (2016 - 2019)
UM Social Psychology Faculty Search Committee (2013-2014)
UM Psychology Departmental Graduate Student Associate (2013-2015)
UM Social Psychology Ph.D. Admissions Committee (2012-2013)
UM Social Psychology Graduate Student Recruitment Committee (2012)
Invited Ad Hoc Reviewer

*Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin,
Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Social Psychological and Personality Science,*

European Journal of Social Psychology, Psychological Science, Emotion, Negotiation and Conflict Management Research, American Psychologist, Social and Personality Psychology Compass, Frontiers in Psychology, Motivation and Emotion, Journal of Adolescent Health, Computers in Human Behavior, Cyberpsychology Behavior and Social Networking, Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace, Journal of Economic Psychology, International Journal of Psychology, Journal of Social Psychology, Journal of Happiness Studies, Self and Identity