

Call for Submissions

Special Issue for *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*

Communication Technologies and Relationships

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The development and use of communication technologies in our relational lives has proliferated in the past decade. In dyadic, family, and wider social relations, they are integral to the formation, maintenance, and sometimes the endings of relationships. Nonetheless, neither *JSPR* nor its sister journal, *Personal Relationships*, has published a special issue on this topic. The Editors of this issue aspire to bring together a sampling of cutting-edge research from the multidisciplinary, international perspective of close relationship scholars in one issue, which we hope will become a resource for years to come.

Of the range of welcomed topics, many will likely fall into the following general (overlapping), non-exhaustive areas:

- *Relationship formation on the internet*
- *The role of communication technologies in relationship development and/or maintenance*
- *Sexuality through communication technologies*
- *Negative (versus positive) aspects of communication technologies for relationships and families*
- *Communication technologies and relationship dissolution*
- *Communication technologies, well-being, and social connections*

This special issue offers an opportunity to publish high-quality empirical reports, meta-analytic studies, narrative or systematic review articles, and empirically-grounded theoretical contributions.

If you have an article that you think would be appropriate for this special issue, we invite you to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words by **AUGUST 1st, 2020** outlining your proposed paper (e.g., questions to be addressed, methodology, and key findings or conclusions). Submit your abstract and provide author identifying information via Qualtrics to: [Abstract Submission](#). If the above link does not work, copy this URL to your browser: https://illinoisstate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3EHy00O3t5F4jFr.

The Editors will notify you by September 1, 2020 as to whether you will be invited to submit a full manuscript for peer review. First drafts of complete manuscripts (following the guidelines of *JSPR*) will be due **DECEMBER 1, 2020**. Special issues do take time in process but we are committed as Editors to do everything we can to complete review cycles quickly. We request that authors be equally timely in making revisions.

It is important for us to let you know that the invitation to submit a full manuscript does not guarantee final publication in the special issue. Submissions will undergo editorial screening and then peer-review, and, depending on the peer reviews, authors will have the chance to revise their manuscripts. An accepted paper, however, cannot be guaranteed. If you have any questions please email Sue Sprecher (sprecher@ilstu.edu), Dan Perlman (D_perlma@uncg.edu), or Michelle Drouin (drouinm@pfw.edu).

If you are engaged in social science scholarly work on communication technologies and relationships, we would welcome you to submit an abstract. Please do!

Initial Key Dates

August 1, 2020: Abstracts due

September 1, 2020: Decisions on abstracts

December 1, 2020: Deadline for manuscript submission based on approved abstracts