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Employment

Assistant Professor of Emerging Media and Technology, School of Communication (New Media Communications Area), Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, USA, September 2024—
Present

Education

Ph.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA, August 2024

Communication; Focus: Communication Technology; Advisor: Joseph B. Bayer

Dissertation Title: “Digital Traces of Smartphone Self-Extension”

Committee: Joseph B. Bayer, David C. DeAndrea, Roselyn J. Lee-Won

M.A., The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA, December 2022

Communication; Focus: Communication Technology; Advisor: Joseph B. Bayer

Committee: Joseph B. Bayer, David C. DeAndrea, Jesse Fox, Huyen T. K. Le (Department of Geography), Teresa Lynch

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, USA, June 2019

Major: Cognitive Science (Distinction), Minor: German; Advisor: Kathleen Galotti

Senior Thesis (Distinction) Published in *Mobile Media & Communication*

Program in Cognitive Science and Independent Research on Political Psychology (Advisor:

Péter Krekó) at Eötvös University, Budapest, HU, Fall 2017

Program in German and German Literature at Freie Universität, Berlin, DE, Summer 2016

Research Interests

communication technology – mobility – identity – disconnection – computational spatial methods

Publications

18. **Ross, M. Q.**, Cosma, C., & Knobloch-Westerwick, S. (*forthcoming*). (Mobile) self-enhancement in selective exposure: The complex relationship between negative self-threat and downward comparison. *Technology, Mind, and Behavior*.

17. **Ross, M. Q.**, & Kushlev, K. (2024). Antecedents and consequences of smartphone self-extension. *Psychology of Popular Media* 14(1), 12–21. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ppm0000540>
16. **Ross, M. Q.**, & Campbell, S. W. (2024). The tradeoff of solitude? Restoration and relatedness across shades of solitude. *PLoS ONE*, 19(12): e0311738. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0311738>
Media Coverage: [Discover Magazine](#), FM News 101 KXL – Portland, [health](#), Jefferson Public Radio, [Oregon Public Broadcasting's Think Out Loud](#)
15. **Ross, M. Q.**, Gilbert, A., Klingelhofer, J., Matassi, M., Nassen, L.-M., Van Bruyssel, S., Verlinden, A., & Parry, D. A. (2024). Mapping a pluralistic continuum of approaches to digital disconnection. *Media, Culture & Society*, 46(4): 851–862. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01634437241228785>
14. **Ross, M. Q.**, Bayer, J. B., Rhee, L., Potti, I., & Chang, Y.-J. (2023). Tracking the temporal flows of mobile communication in daily life. *New Media & Society*, 25(4): 732–755. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448231158646>
13. **Ross, M. Q.**, Akgün, E., & Campbell, S. W. (2023). Benefits of solitude for connected individuals in the United States but not China: Situating solitude in communicate bond belong theory. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 144: 107731. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2023.107731>
12. **Ross, M. Q.**, Crum, J., Wang, S., & Knobloch-Westerwick, S. (2023). Mobile selective exposure: Confirmation bias and impact of social cues during mobile news consumption. *Journalism and Media*, 4(1), 146–161. <https://doi.org/10.3390/journalmedia4010011>
11. Campbell, S. W., **Ross, M. Q.**, Liang, F., & Ling, R. (2023). Differentiating bounded and locational connected mobility: Comparing mobile media use while moving about home versus town in two countries. *International Journal of Communication*, 17: 5669–5689. <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/20271>
10. Mao, C. M., Bayer, J. B., **Ross, M. Q.**, Rhee, L., Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, H.-C., Chang, Y.-J., Hedstrom, A., & Hovick, S. (2023). Perceived vs. observed mHealth behavior: A naturalistic investigation of tracking apps and daily movement. *Mobile Media & Communication*, 11(3), 526–548. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20501579221149823>
9. **Ross, M. Q.**, Müller, S. R., & Bayer, J. B. (2022). The psychology of mobile technology and daily mobility. In S. Matz (Ed.), *The psychology of technology: Social science research in the age of big data* (pp. 125–154). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000290-005>
8. Campbell, S. W. & **Ross, M. Q.** (2022). Re-conceptualizing solitude in the digital era: From “being alone” to “noncommunication.” *Communication Theory*, 32(3), 387–406. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ct/qtab021>
7. Medero, K., Merrill Jr., K., & **Ross, M. Q.** (2022). Modeling access across the digital divide for intersectional groups seeking web-based health information: National survey. *Journal of*

- Medical Internet Research*, 24(3), e32678. <https://doi.org/10.2196/32678>
6. Müller, S. R., Bayer, J. B., **Ross, M. Q.**, Mount, J., Stachl, C., Harari, G. M., Chang, Y.-J., & Le, H. T. K. (2022). Using GPS data for psychological research: A tutorial. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, 5(2), 1–11. <https://doi.org/10.1177/25152459221082680>
 5. **Ross, M. Q.**, & Bayer, J. B. (2021). Explicating self-phones: Dimensions and correlates of smartphone self-extension. *Mobile Media & Communication*, 9(3), 488–512. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2050157920980508>
 4. **Ross, M. Q.**, & Campbell, S. W. (2021). Thinking and feeling through mobile media and communication: A review of cognitive and affective implications. *Review of Communication Research*, 9, 147–166. <https://www.rcommunicationr.org/index.php/rccr/article/view/96>
 3. Freeze, M., Baumgartner, M., Bruno, P., Gunderson, J. R., Olin, J., **Ross, M. Q.**, & Szafran, J. (2021). Fake claims of fake news: Political misinformation, warnings, and the tainted truth effect. *Political Behavior*, 43, 1433–1465. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-020-09597-3>
 2. **Ross, M. Q.**, Sterling-Maisel, O. A., Tracy, O., & Putnam, A. L. (2020). Overclaiming responsibility in fictitious countries: Unpacking the role of availability in support theory predictions of overclaiming. *Memory & Cognition*, 48, 1346–1358. <https://doi.org/10.3758/s13421-020-01059-9>
 1. Putnam, A. L., **Ross, M. Q.**, Soter, L. K., and Roediger, H. L. III. (2018). State narcissism in collective remembering: Residents exaggerate the role of their state in appraising U.S. history. *Psychological Science*, 29(9), 1414–1422. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797618772504>

Under Review

- Campbell, S. W., Ellison, N. B., & **Ross, M. Q.** (*1st Re&R*). Extending the self through AI-mediated communication: Functional, ontological, and anthropomorphic extensions.
- Ross, M. Q.**, Rhee, L., Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, Y.-J., & Bayer, J. B. (*under review*). Smartphone habits are stronger in spaces chosen out of habit.
- Ross, M. Q.** & DeAndrea, D. C. (*under review*). Clarifying, testing, and reorienting identity shift theory.
- Ross, M. Q.** & Bayer, J. B. (*under review*). What is constant connectivity? The affordances that underlie potential communication.
- Rhee, L., **Ross, M. Q.**, Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, Y.-J., & Bayer, J. B. (*under review*). Social media vs. messaging: Using GPS data to explore social app ecologies in context.

Conference Presentations

28. **Ross, M. Q.** & Bayer, J. B. (2025, June 12-16). *What is constant connectivity? The affordances that underlie potential communication* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 75th Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA.

27. Harari, G. M., **Ross, M. Q.** & Vanden Abeele, M. (2025, June 12-16). Common sensing? Standardizing context sensing in mobile communication. In R. Toth, R. Pourafshari, Y. Lu, J. Ohme, & J. B. Bayer (Chairs), *Miss the mobile methods turn? Reflecting on the challenges and potentials of mobile communication science* [Panel]. International Communication Association 75th Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA.
26. Coduto, K. D. & **Ross, M. Q.** (2024, November 21-24). *Introducing affordance sets: How accessibility, conversational control, and personalization relate to channel competence and sexting outcomes in concert* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association 110th Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, USA.
25. **Ross, M. Q.** (2024, July 4-5). *Digital traces of smartphone self-extension* [Extended abstract presentation]. Tilburg School of Humanities & Digital Sciences Digital Humanities Symposium 4th Annual Conference, Tilburg, NL.
24. **Ross, M. Q.**, Gilbert, A., Klingelhofer, J., Matassi, M., Nassen, L.-M., Van Bruyssel, S., Verlinden, A., & Parry, D.A. (2024, June 20–24). *Commentary: Mapping a pluralistic continuum of approaches to digital disconnection* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 74th Annual Conference, Gold Coast, AU.
23. **Ross, M. Q.**, & Campbell, S. W. (2024, June 20–24). *The tradeoff of solitude? Restoration and relatedness across shades of solitude* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 74th Annual Conference, Gold Coast, AU.
22. **Ross, M. Q.**, & Kushlev, K. (2023, November 16–19). *Antecedents and consequences of smartphone self-extension* [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association 109th Annual Convention, National Harbor, MD, USA.
21. **Ross, M. Q.**, Rhee, L., Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, Y.-J., & Bayer, J. B. (2023, May 26–29). *Smartphone habits are stronger in habitual spaces* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
20. **Ross, M. Q.**, Gilbert, A., Bayer, J. B., & Reinecke, L. (2023, May 26–29). *Disconnecting without detoxing: An integrative model of connection and disconnection in daily life* [Extended abstract presentation]. International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
19. **Ross, M. Q.**, Cosma, C., & Knobloch-Westerwick, S. (2023, May 26–29). *Channel perceptions shape selective exposure: The interplay of mobile self-enhancement and downward comparison* [Poster presentation]. International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
18. Campbell, S. W., **Ross, M. Q.**, Liang, F., & Ling, R. (2023, May 26–29). *Differentiating bounded and locational connected mobility: Comparing mobile media use while moving about home versus town in two countries* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.

17. Rhee, L., **Ross, M. Q.**, Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, Y.-J., & Bayer, J. B. (2023, May 26–29). *Social media vs. messaging: Exploring social app ecologies across everyday spatial contexts* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
16. Pourafshari, R., **Ross, M. Q.**, Rhee, L., Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, Y.-J., & Bayer, J. B. (2023, May 26–29). On-the-go or in-the-moment? Testing the impact of movement and mobile app use on mindfulness. In A. Freytag & D. Hefner (Chairs), *Worth the hype? Integrating the concept of mindfulness in studying mobile communication* [Panel]. International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
15. Henry, C., **Ross, M. Q.**, Rhee, L., Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, Y.-J., Smith, R., & Bayer, J. B. (2023, May 26–29). *Emotion regulation via spontaneous movement and mobile app use* [Extended abstract presentation]. International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
14. **Ross, M. Q.** (2023, May 25). *(Dis)assembling the person, the device, and the context: A theoretical model of the mobile connection* [Paper presentation]. 12th Annual Doctoral Consortium of the Communication and Technology and Mobile Communication Divisions at International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
13. **Ross, M. Q.**, Gilbert, A., Klingelhofer, J., Matassi, M., Nassen, L.-M., Van Bruyssel, S., & Verlinden, A. (2023, May 25). *Mapping transdisciplinary views on disconnection studies: Perspectives from an interdisciplinary research collective* [Extended abstract presentation]. Key Themes in Digital Disconnection Research Preconference at International Communication Association 73rd Annual Conference, Toronto, CA.
12. Bayer, J. B., **Ross, M. Q.**, Rhee, L., Mount, J., & Le, H. T. K. (2023, February 23–25). How spatial habits underpin (some) smartphone habits. In S. Vaid (Chair), *Contextualizing psychological states and digital media behaviors in everyday life* [Symposium]. The Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, USA.
11. Freiberger, N., Medero, K., Riggs, E., Francemone, C., & **Ross, M. Q.** (2022, November 17–20). *Finding a PLACE in your department: Promoting departmental networking for new graduate students* [Great Ideas for Teaching Students (G.I.F.T.S.)]. National Communication Association 108th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA.
10. **Ross, M. Q.**, Bayer, J. B., Rhee, L., Potti, I., & Chang, Y.-J. (2022, May 27–30). *Tracking the temporal flows of mobile communication in daily life* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 72nd Annual Conference, Paris, FR.
9. **Ross, M. Q.**, Akgün, E., & Campbell, S. W. (2022, May 27–30). *Connecting with others and being socially alone: A complementary perspective on mobile media use and solitude* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 72nd Annual Conference, Paris, FR.
8. Rhee, L., Bayer, J. B., **Ross, M. Q.**, & Chang, Y.-J. (2022, May 27–30). *Social media vs. messaging:*

- Exploring the variability in social app ecologies* [Extended abstract presentation]. International Communication Association 72nd Annual Conference, Paris, FR.
7. **Ross, M. Q.**, Gilbert, A., Bayer, J., & Reinecke, L. (2022, May 26). *The psychology of disconnecting from mobile media: Toward an integrative model of disconnection in daily life* [Extended abstract presentation]. Digital Disconnection Studies Beyond Borders Preconference at International Communication Association 72nd Annual Conference, Paris, FR.
 6. Medero, K., Merrill, K., & **Ross, M. Q.** (2021, November 18–21). *Online health information seeking across the digital divide: Conceptualizing access for racial and ethnic disparities*. [Paper presentation]. National Communication Association 107th Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, USA.
 5. **Ross, M. Q.**, Crum, J., Wang, S., & Knobloch-Westerwick, S. (2021, May 27–31). *Mobile selective exposure: Confirmation bias and impact of social cues during mobile news consumption* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 71st Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA.
 4. **Ross, M. Q.** & Campbell, S. W. (2021, May 27–31). The psychological embedding of mobile media and communication. In S. W. Campbell (Chair), *Advances in Mobile Communication Research: A Tribute to Rich Ling* [Panel]. International Communication Association 71st Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA.
 3. Mao, C. M., Bayer, J. B., **Ross, M. Q.**, Rhee, L., Le, H. T. K., Mount, J., Chang, H.-C., Chang, Y.-J., Hedstrom, A., & Hovick, S. (2021, May 27–31). *Fusing the technology adoption model and theory of planned behavior to understand mHealth app use and physical activity intentions* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 71st Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA.
 2. **Ross, M. Q.**, Bayer, J. B., & Campbell, S. W. (2020, May 21–25). *Understanding self-phones: Dimensions of smartphone self-extension* [Paper presentation]. International Communication Association 70th Annual Conference, Gold Coast, AU.
 1. Putnam, A. L., **Ross, M. Q.**, and Sterling-Maisel, O. (2018, November 15–18). *Over-claiming responsibility in fictional countries: The effects of country size and context on estimates of historical contributions* [Poster presentation]. Psychonomics Society 59th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA.

Research Funding

Distinguished University Fellowship (2019-20, 2024) – 2 Years Full Graduate Funding
Towsley Endowment for Summer Research (2018) – \$5,000

Awards

Conference

Top Four Paper, Human Communication and Technology Division, National Communication Association (2023)

Top Four Paper and Top Student-Led Paper, Mobile Communication Division, International Communication Association (2022)

College/University

Edward F. Hayes Advanced Research Forum, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division, 3rd Place Oral Presentation (2023) – \$200

Three Minute Thesis (3MT), College of Arts & Sciences, 2nd Place (2023) – \$350

Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division, 2nd Place Oral Presentation (2022) – \$400

Sarah F. Hamm-Alvarez '86 and R. Michael Alvarez Award for Applied Research (2018) – \$400

Patricia V. Damon Scholarship (for Academic and Extracurricular Excellence; 2018) – \$10,000

School

Doris Gildea Morgan Scholarship (Senior Research Award; 2023) – \$5,000

Walter B. Emery Memorial Scholarship (Junior Research Award; 2021) – \$3,230

Invited Presentations

Theoretical and Methodological Pluralism in Disconnection Research (with Disconnective Collective) (Digitox Seminar, University of Oslo, 11/2024)

Preregistration in Communication: Why and How (SEMI-ME Lab Meeting, The Ohio State University, 5/2020)

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Mobile Communication, Self, and Society (NMC 399, Oregon State University, 1/2025–3/2025)

New Media and Culture (NMC 100, Oregon State University, 9/2024–12/2024: Mean Student Evaluations: 5.4/6)

Lab Instructor

Communication Research Methods (COMM 3160, The Ohio State University, 8/2021–5/2022; Mean Student Evaluations: 4.6–4.9/5)

Memory Processes (PSYC 236, Carleton College, 1/2018–3/2018; No Evaluations)

Teaching Associate

Introduction to Communication Technology (COMM 2540, The Ohio State University, 1/2024–5/2024; 1/2021–5/2021)

Communication in Society (COMM 1100, The Ohio State University, 8/2023–12/2023)

Social Implications of Communication Technology (COMM 3554, The Ohio State University, 8/2022–5/2023)

Guest Lecturer

Introduction to Spatial Data Analysis: R Tutorial (Intermediate Spatial Data Analysis, GEOG 5103, The Ohio State University, 1/2023)

Mobile Communication: History, Today, and the Real World (Social Consequences of Communication Technology, COMM 3554, The Ohio State University, 4/2021)

Mobiles at Hand: Self-Extension and Mere Presence (Social Consequences of Mobile Communication, COMM 464, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, 11/2019)

Certification

Inclusive Teaching Endorsement (Michael V. Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning, The Ohio State University, 1/2023)

Meaningful Inquiry (University Libraries, The Ohio State University, 7/2024)

Service

Journal Reviewer

BMC Psychology (2024) – 2

Computers in Human Behavior (2021) – 1

Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace (2020) – 1

Journal of Communication (2024) – 1

Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication (2024–2025) – 3

Journal of Information Technology & Politics (2024) – 2

Journal of Medical Internet Research (2024) – 1

International Journal of Communication (2022–2024) – 3

International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction (2024) – 1

Media and Communication (2024) – 1

Mobile Media & Communication (2020–2025) – 14

New Media & Society (2020, 2022–2023) – 5

Psychology of Popular Media (2024) – 2

Scientific Reports (2024) – 2

Telematics and Informatics (2024) – 1

Conference Reviewer

International Communication Association

Communication and Technology Division (2021–2024) – 11

Interpersonal Communication Division (2023) – 1

Mobile Communication Division (2019–2024) – 17

National Communication Association

Human Communication and Technology Division (2024) – 3

Association

Student and Early Career Advisory Committee (SESAC) Representative, International Communication Association: Mobile Communication Division (2024–Present)
Panel Chair, International Communication Association: Mobile Communication Division (2023—Present)
Member, Preconference Planning Committee, International Communication Association: Mobile Communication Division (2022–Present)
Panel Chair, International Communication Association: Communication and Technology Division (2023)
Member, Student and Early Scholar Event Planning Committee, International Communication Association: Mobile Communication Division (2021–2022)

Editorial Assistant

Communication Research (8/2020–12/2020)

University

Delegate, Council of Graduate Students (Data and Operations Committee; Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee), The Ohio State University (11/2020–7/2022)

School

Member, Search Committee (Assistant Professor of Emerging Media and Technology), School of Communication, Oregon State University (9/2024–Present)
Part-Time Member, Search Committee (Open Rank Professor of Emerging Media and Technology), School of Psychological Science, Oregon State University (9/2024–Present)
President, Graduate Student Organization, School of Communication, The Ohio State University (5/2023–4/2024)
Peer Mentor, School of Communication, The Ohio State University (8/2020–4/2024)
Graduate Student Representative, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, School of Communication, The Ohio State University (9/2022–4/2023)
Social Chair or Co-Social Chair, Graduate Student Organization, School of Communication, The Ohio State University (8/2020–4/2023)
Graduate Student Representative, Search Committee (Assistant Professor – Open Area), School of Communication, The Ohio State University (9/2021–12/2021)

Professional Affiliations

International Communication Association
Mobile Communication Division

Research Groups

Disconnective Collective, Co-Founder and Participant (Monthly Meeting of Early Career

Researchers Studying Disconnection; 8/2022–Present)
CAT-SPA (Communication And Technology – Subjective and Perceptual Assessment), Co-Founder
and Participant (Monthly Meeting of Early Career Researchers Studying Communication
Technology; 10/2020–Present)
Connective Collective, Participant (Weekly Meeting of Mobile Communication Researchers;
7/2020–Present)
Mobile Social Cognition Lab, Member (8/2019–Present)
Computational and Statistical Models (COSMOS) Group, Participant (Weekly Meeting of
Computational Researchers; 8/2023–4/2024)

Skills

Software

Qualtrics, R (advanced)
ArcGIS (ArcGIS Online Challenge, Participant, Research Commons, The Ohio State
University, 6/2020–7/2020), Mplus, Postgres, QGIS (intermediate)

Coding

JavaScript, Python, SQL (intermediate)

Language

English (fluent)
German (intermediate)