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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Louisiana State University, 1973-1977, Political Science major, Speech minor, Bachelor of Arts (GPA: 3.7)

Louisiana State University, 1977-1979, Speech Communication major, Master of Arts (GPA: 3.9)

Louisiana State University, 1992-1999, Speech Communication major, Doctor of Philosophy (GPA: 4.0)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Associate Dean, Fall 2017-present, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Professor of Communication Studies, Fall 2008-present, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville TX

Associate Professor of Speech Communication, Fall 2003-Summer 2008, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Associate Professor of Speech Communication, 2000-2003, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA

Assistant Professor of Speech Communication, 1984-2000, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA

Instructor of Speech Communication, 1983-1984, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Computer Programmer, 1983, Management Information Services (State of Louisiana), Baton Rouge, LA

Manager, 1982, Folmar and Associates, Thibodaux, LA

Instructor of Speech Communication, 1981, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA

Training Officer, 1980-1981, Southeast Louisiana State Hospital, Mandeville, LA

Counselor, 1979-1980, Job Corps Center, Brunswick, GA

Graduate Assistant in Speech, 1977-1979, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

## COURSES TAUGHT

### Sam Houston State University

- Relationship Communication
- Interpersonal Communication
- Public Speaking
- Introduction to Communication Theory and Research
- Persuasion
- Speech Communication for Business and the Professions
- Deceptive Communication
- Mentorship in Communication Studies
- Undergraduate Seminar in Communication Studies
- Advanced Interpersonal Communication
- Advanced Family Communication
- Seminar in Family Communication
- Statistical Methods for Communication

### Nicholls State University

- Interpersonal Communication
- Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- Honors Public Speaking
- Oral Business Communication
- Independent Study in Speech Communication

### Texas A&M University

- Public Speaking
- Composition and Rhetoric

Louisiana State University

Public Speaking  
Small Group Communication

Southeast Louisiana State Hospital

Management Workshop on Effective Communication  
Orientation to Employment  
Improving Job Performance  
Crisis Control of Disturbed Patients  
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

#### THESES DIRECTED

Jaggers, T. E. (2010, May). *Socio-psychological effects of storytelling within American foster families*. Sam Houston State University.

Shimek, C. E. (2012, August). *Responses to relational termination: Gender, distress, and rebound relationships*. Sam Houston State University.

#### SERVICE ON THESIS COMMITTEES

Key, A. M. (2010, August). *A dyadic analysis of the effects of the ability to recognize micro-expressions, adaptability to judges, sex and the position of advocacy on performance in a public debate round*. M.A. in Communication Studies, Sam Houston State University.

Motz, Jennifer E. *Effects of social media usage on disordered eating behaviors in female undergraduates*. M.S. in Dietetics, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, 2014.

#### TEACHING HIGHLIGHTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Nominated for university-wide Excellence in Teaching Award, Sam Houston State University, 2017-2018 academic year

Nominated for university-wide Excellence in Teaching Award, Sam Houston State University, 2013-2014 academic year

Mentor for COMS 2331 students participating in Undergraduate Research Conference sponsored by Honors Program, Sam Houston State University, April 2011

Attended workshop on Student Activism on Campus, sponsored by The Division of Student Affairs Staff Development, Sam Houston State University, February 14, 2017  
Mentor for COMS 4366 student participating in Undergraduate Research Symposium sponsored by Honors Program, Sam Houston State University, April 2017

High student and departmental evaluations of teaching effectiveness for each year evaluated at Sam Houston State University

First to develop and teach new course at Sam Houston State University, COMS 4387, Relationship Communication

First to teach new course at Sam Houston State University, COMS 2331, Introduction to Communication Theory and Research

First to develop and teach new course at Sam Houston State University, COMS 4366, Deceptive Communication

Completion of week-long Sam Houston State University's Writing in the Disciplines Seminar, May 2007

Designated as meritorious in teaching for every year evaluated at Nicholls State University

Nominated for Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence, Nicholls State University, 2002

Attended all Faculty Development Institutes on teaching at Nicholls State University

Emphasize student participation in my classes through focus on issue discussion and experimental learning exercises

Consistently rated highly on student evaluation of classroom instruction

Developed and had approved a syllabus for new Speech 105 (Honors Public Speaking) course at Nicholls State University

Place strong emphasis on teaching innovations within courses from year to year

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Departmental Service Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, 2010-2011

Outstanding Departmental Teacher Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, 2006-2007 and 2009-2010

Outstanding Departmental Researcher Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, 2005-2006

International Communication Association

National Communication Association

Southern States Communication Association

Student Affairs Recognition Award from Office of Student Affairs, Nicholls State University, 2000

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, 1999

Alpha Psi Omega, Honorary Dramatic Fraternity, 1988

Nicholls Players, 1987

Mu Sigma Rho, General Academic Honors, 1977

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors, 1976

Interdisciplinary Honors Program, Louisiana State University, 1973

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEAN

Developed and compiled master list of research interests of college faculty for distribution to faculty

Interviewed dozens of academically suspended students to determine whether and when they would be readmitted to the university

Participated in development and execution of New Faculty Connect program

Involved in early stages of planning for changes in the college policy on academic integrity

Developed outlines for two new Learning Communities

Considered the validity of dozens of undergraduate Exception Forms for Degree Specific and Major Requirements submitted by students asking for course substitutions and other kinds of exceptions—signed forms when appropriate

Instituted and disseminated a new policy requiring that justifying memos be attached to all Exception Forms for Degree Specific and Major Requirements

Signed, as appropriate, various internal memos and requests that required Dean or Associate Dean approval

Participation in miscellaneous college-related events as needed, for example, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Program

Liaison between Core Math Initiative Committee and CHSS

Substituted for the Dean on committee developing new online certification program for faculty

Substituted for the Dean in attending the groundbreaking for the new Art complex on the SHSU campus, June 18, 2018

## PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH

My research interests are focused on language behavior in interpersonal and public communication, as well as on the interpretation of messages in interpersonal contexts. I am most interested in both the causes of interpersonal equivocation and how equivocation plays a role in the perception and evaluation of messages and message sources. I also have research programs on visual persuasion and personal relationships.

### Refereed Journal Articles

Bello, R. S., Brandau, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. M. (2017). The design and structure of One World Trade Center and its environs: A visual persuasion analysis. *The International Journal of Design in Society*, 11(3), 1-9. doi: 10.18848/2325-1328/CGP

Chen, Y., & Bello, R. S. (2017). Does receiving or providing social support on Facebook influence life satisfaction? Stress as mediator and self-esteem as moderator. *International Journal of Communication*, 11, 2926-2939.

Bello, R.S., Brandau-Brown, F.E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2016). Managing boundary turbulence through the use of information manipulation strategies: A report on two studies. *Cogent Social Sciences*, 2(1), 1-21. doi: 10.1080/23311886.2016.1195937

- Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2014). A profile of those likely to reveal friends' confidential secrets. *Communication Studies*, 65(4), 389-406.
- Shimek, C., & Bello, R. (2014). Coping with break-ups: Rebound relationships and gender socialization. *Social Sciences*, 3, 24-43. (Special issue devoted to personal relationships, edited by Steve Duck.)
- Bello, R. S., & Thibodeaux, T. M. (2014). The inclusiveness of a museum's appeal using principles of visual persuasion: A case study. *The International Journal of the Inclusive Museum*, 6(2), 69-88.
- Bello, R. S. (2013). Chicago as message: Visual persuasion in the "city of the big shoulders." *The International Journal of Social, Political, and Community Agendas in the Arts*, 7(2), 13-19.
- Bello, R. S., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2011). City as message: A case study of visual persuasion in Washington, D.C. *The International Journal of the Arts in Society*, 5(5), 315-322.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., Bello, R. S., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2010). Attachment style and tolerance for ambiguity effects on relational repair message interpretation among remarrieds. *Marriage and Family Review*, 46(6), 389-399.
- Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Zhang, S., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2010). Verbal and nonverbal methods for expressing appreciation in friendships and romantic relationships: A cross-cultural comparison. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 34, 294-302.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F., & Bello, R. (2010). Attachment style and gender as predictors of relational repair among the remarried. *Journal of Family Communication*, 10(3), 158-173.
- Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2008). Attachment style, marital satisfaction, commitment, and communal strength effects on relational repair message interpretation among remarrieds. *Communication Quarterly*, 56(1), 1-16.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F., Thibodeaux, T. M., & Chapman, B. R. (2007). European museums as visual persuasion: A typological approach. *Intercultural Communication Studies*, XVI(2), 145-157.

- Bello, R. (2006). Causes and paralinguistic correlates of interpersonal equivocation. *Journal of Pragmatics*, 38(9), 1430-1441.
- Bello, R., Ragsdale, J. D., Thibodeaux, T. M., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2006). Cultural perceptions of equivocation and directness: Dimensional or unique? *Intercultural Communication Studies*, XV(3), 179-188.
- Bello, R., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. (2006). Cultural perceptions of equivocation and directness II: A replication and extension of the dimensional hypothesis. *Intercultural Communication Studies*, XV(2), 23-32.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Thibodeaux, T., & Chapman, B. R. (2007). The role of leadership in civic education and advancement. *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform*, 13-14, 19-27.
- Chapman, B. R., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Bello, R. S., & Thibodeaux, T. (2007). Integrating environmental education and biodiversity into the university curriculum. *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform*, 13-14, 28-35.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. (2007). Instituting communication training in business and technical education. *Perspectives in Higher Education Reform*, 13-14, 201-208.
- Bello, R. (2005). Situational formality, personality, and avoidance-avoidance conflict as causes of interpersonal equivocation. *The Southern Communication Journal*, 70, 285-300.
- Bello, R., & Edwards, R. (2005). Interpretations of messages: The influence of various forms of equivocation, face concerns, and sex differences. *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, 24, 160-181.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Ragsdale, J. D., & Thibodeaux, T. (2004). Toward an alternate approach to the teaching of intercultural exchange and negotiation: The application of universal communication axioms. *Competition Forum*, 2(1), 571-582.
- Edwards, R., & Bello, R. (2001). Interpretations of messages: The influence of equivocation, face concerns, and ego-involvement. *Human Communication Research*, 27(4), 597-631.
- Edwards, R., Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., & Hollems, D. (2001). The effects of loneliness and verbal aggressiveness on message interpretation. *The Southern Communication Journal*, 66(2), 139-150.



- Bello, R. (2000). Determinants of equivocation: The influence of situational formality, interaction phase, and ambiguity tolerance. *Communication Research*, 27(2), 161-193.
- Bello, R., Stewart, J., & Stilling, E. (1999). Judicial tests for distinguishing statements of fact from statements of opinion: An empirical examination. *The Southwestern Mass Communication Journal*, 15(1), 39-46.
- Bello, R. (1997). The contemporary rise of Louisiana Voices and other neo-Chautauquas: A return to oral performance. *Text and Performance Quarterly*, 17(2), 182-196.
- Bello, R. (1996). A Burkeian analysis of the 'political correctness' confrontation in higher education. *The Southern Communication Journal*, 61(3), 243-252.
- Bello, R. (1988). Freedom of speech and William Shockley: A look back. *Texas Speech Communication Journal*, XIII, 48-53.
- Bello, R. (1985). Biosocial man and significant symbol: George Herbert Mead's theory of language. *Texas Speech Communication Journal*, X, 13-24, 1985.

#### Book Chapters

- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. T. (2007). Museums: A typological analysis. In J. D. Ragsdale (Ed.), *Structures as argument: The visual persuasiveness of museums and places of worship* (pp. 9-22). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., & Brandau-Brown, F. E. (2007). Non-western visual persuasion: Chinese museums, Jewish synagogues, Buddhist temples, and Shinto shrines. In J. D. Ragsdale (Ed.), *Structures as argument: The visual persuasiveness of museums and places of worship* (pp. 87-101). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

- Bello, R. S. (2016). Equivocation. In C. R. Berger, M. E. Roloff, S. E. Wilson, J. P. Dillard, J. Caughlin, & D. Solomon (Eds.), *International encyclopedia of interpersonal communication*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

Book Reviews

Review of *Communication for families in crisis: Theories, research, strategies* edited by Fran C. Dickson and Lynne M. Webb, *The Southern Communication Journal*, 79(4), 361-364.

Articles AcceptedArticles Under Review

Bello, R. S., Brandau, F. E., & Horne, D. (2018). The enhancement of verbal immediacy in online university Classes: A student-generated taxonomy. Submitted to *College Teaching*.

Zhang, S., & Bello, R. S. Giving negative evaluations in romantic relationships: The effects of sequential order and enhancement specificity. Submitted to *Communication Research Reports*.

Works in Progress

Chen, Y., Rui, J. R., & Bello, R. S. Predicting well-being of college students: The roles of Facebook communication, social support, and self-esteem.

Jaggers, T., & Bello, R. Socio-psychological effects of storytelling within American foster families.

Convention Presentations

Theodori, G. L. & Bello, R. S. (2018, June 18). Examining the associations of communication satisfaction with, perception of, and trust in the oil and natural gas industry. Paper presented at the 24th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. Snowbird, UT.

Bello, R. S. (April 2018). Musings about Janet Bavelas. Invited panel presentation on "Our Scholarly Sources of Inspiration: Muses and Musings." Southern States Communication Association, Nashville, TN.

Bello, R. S. (April, 2017). Composing the perfect cover letter. Invited panel presentation on "How to Publish a Research Report: The Submission Process." Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC.

- Bello, R. S. (April, 2017). Teaching symbolic interactionism. Invited panel presentation on “Raindrops on Roses...Revisited!: Innovation of Teaching Theories at its Best!” Southern States Communication Association, Greenville, SC.
- Chen, Y., Rui, J.R., & Bello, R. (June, 2016). Predicting well-being of college students: The roles of Facebook communication, social support, stress and self-esteem. 66th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Fukuoka, Japan.
- Bello, R. S., Brandau, F. E., & Horne, D. (April, 2016). The enhancement of verbal immediacy in online university classes: A student-generated taxonomy. **Top Papers Panel** in Instructional Development Division, Southern States Communication Association, Austin, TX.
- Bello, R., & Brandau, F. (April, 2016). Crafting enhanced immediacy through verbal means in online educational delivery systems. Invited panel presentation on “The Pedagogical Conscience: Doing Right by Our Students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Southern States Communication Association, Austin, TX.
- Bello, R. S., Brandau, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. M. (February, 2016). The design and structure of One World Trade Center and its environs: A visual persuasion analysis. International Conference on Design Principles and Practices, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Bello, R. (November, 2015). Invited speaker on panel, “Mentoring for Service: Embracing Opportunities in Helping Faculty Define and Participate in Academic and Professional Service.” National Communication Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Bello, R., & Brandau, F. (April, 2015). Crafting enhanced immediacy through verbal means in online educational delivery systems. Southern States Communication Association, Tampa, FL.
- Bello, R. S., & Brandau, F. E. (January, 2015). Increasing verbal immediacy in online educational delivery systems. International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI.
- Fortunato, M., Bello, R. S., & Thibodeaux, T. M. (August, 2014). The expressive class: Examining entrepreneurial identity in small-town America. Rural Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

- Zhang, S., & Bello, R. (2014, May). Giving negative evaluations in romantic relationships: The effects of sequential order and enhancement specificity. Part of panel on The Darker Side of Interpersonal Communication, International Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Bello, R. S., & Brandau, F. E. (2014, April). Texters tell all? How preference for texting influences intimacy of romantic disclosures. Applied Communication Division, Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Shimek, C. E., & Bello, R. S. (2013, November). Coping with break-ups: Rebound relationships and gender socialization. Interpersonal Communication Division, National Communication Association, Washington, D.C.
- Bello, R., & Thibodeaux, T. M. (2013, April). The inclusiveness of a museum's appeal using principles of visual persuasion: A case study. International Conference on the Inclusive Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Shimek, C. E., & Bello, R. S. (2013, April). Distress due to relational termination and attachment to an ex-partner: The role of rebound relationships. **Top Papers Panel** in Interpersonal Communication Division, Southern States Communication Association, Louisville, KY.
- Bello, R.S., Brandau-Brown, F.E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2012, April). Managing boundary turbulence through the use of information manipulation strategies: A report on two studies. **Top Papers Panel** in Communication Theory Division, Southern States Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Bello, R. S. (2012, April). Uses and gratifications theory. Invited panel presentation on "My Least Favorite Communication Theory." Southern States Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Bello, R.S., Brandau-Brown, F.E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2011, April). Information manipulation strategies in boundary turbulence management: A second look at the effects of privacy level, relationship type, and key dispositions. **Top Papers Panel** in Interpersonal Communication Division, Southern States Communication Association, Little Rock, AR.
- Bello, R. S. (2011, April). Relational communication theory. Invited panel presentation on "My Favorite Communication Theory, Part III," Southern States Communication Association, Little Rock, AR.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., Bello, R. S., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2010, April). Trait-like variables as predictors of the tendency to reveal secrets shared in confidence by friends. Southern States Communication Association, Memphis, TN.

- Bello, R. S. (2010, April). A life-span approach to teaching intergenerational family communication. Invited panel presentation to Southern States Communication Association, Memphis, TN.
- Bello, R., & Brandau-Brown, F. (2010, July). City as message: A case study of visual persuasion in Washington, D. C. International Conference on the Arts in Society, Sydney, Australia.
- Bello, R. S. (2010, April). Coordinated management of meaning. Invited panel presentation on "My Favorite Communication Theory, Part II," Southern States Communication Association, Memphis, TN.
- Ragsdale, J.D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S. (2009, April). Attachment style and gender as predictors of relational repair among the remarried. **Top Paper Award** in Communication Theory Division, Southern States Communication Association, Norfolk, VA.
- Bello, R. S. (2009, April). Communication accommodation theory. Invited panel presentation on "My Favorite Communication Theory," Southern States Communication Association, Norfolk, VA.
- Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Zhang, S., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2008, November). Verbal and nonverbal methods for showing appreciation in friendships and romantic relationships: A cross-cultural comparison. International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, Louisville, KY.
- Brandau-Brown, F., Bello, R., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2008, April). Attachment style and tolerance for ambiguity effects on relational repair interpretation among remarrieds. **Top Paper Award** in Communication Theory Division, Southern States Communication Association, Savannah, GA.
- Bello, R.S., Brandau-Brown, F.E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2007, November). Information manipulation strategies in boundary turbulence management: The effects of privacy level, relationship type, and key dispositions. National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S. (2007, March). Implications of differences between long-term married and remarried persons in the use of relational repair strategies. Southern States Communication Association, Louisville, KY.

- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. S. (2007, July). The pragmatics of selecting communication strategies to repair relationships among the remarried: Influences of commitment, satisfaction, and communal strength. International Pragmatics Conference, Göteborg, Sweden.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. (2006, November). "How do we fix it?": Comparing Long-term married and remarried couples in their choices of relational repair strategies. National Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T., & Chapman, B. R. (2006, August). European museums as visual persuasion: A typological approach. International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, San Antonio, TX.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2006, April). "What do you mean by that?": Interpretation of relational repair messages as a function of equivocation level and marital satisfaction. **Top Paper Award** in Communication Theory Division, Southern States Communication Association, Dallas-Addison, TX.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Ragsdale, J. D. (2006, June). Attachment style, marital satisfaction, commitment, and communal strength effects on relational repair message interpretation. **Top Ten Award**—Interactive Paper Session, International Communication Association, Dresden, Germany.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Bello, R. (2006, June). Who are the restorers?: Attachment style, gender, and relational repair among the remarried. International Communication Association, Dresden, Germany.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T., & Chapman, B. R. (2006, June). The museum as visual persuasion: A theoretical analysis and illustrative typology. International Communication Association, Dresden, Germany.
- Bello, R., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. (2005, July). Cultural perceptions of equivocation and directness II: A replication and extension of the dimensional hypothesis. International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies, Taipei, Taiwan.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Thibodeaux, T., & Chapman, B. R. (2004, November). The role of leadership in civic education and advancement. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary.

- Chapman, B. R., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Bello, R. S., & Thibodeaux, T. (2004, November). Integrating environmental education and biodiversity into the university curriculum. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary.
- Ragsdale, J. D., Bello, R. S., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Thibodeaux, T. (2004, November). Instituting communication training in business and technical education. Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary.
- Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F. E., Ragsdale, J. D., & Thibodeaux, T. (2004, October). Toward an alternate approach to the teaching of intercultural exchange and negotiation: The application of universal communication axioms. American Society for Competitiveness (ASC) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Bello, R., Ragsdale, J. D., Brandau-Brown, J. D., & Thibodeaux, T. (2004, July). Cultural perceptions of equivocation and directness: Dimensional or unique? International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies (IAICS), Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Bello, R. (2004, April). "Did you just say what I think you said?": Interpretations of equivocal messages in satisfied and dissatisfied marriages. Southern States Communication Association, Tampa, FL.
- Edwards R., & Bello, R. (2003, November). Interpretations of messages: The influence of various forms of equivocation, face concerns, and sex differences. National Communication Association, Miami, FL.
- Brandau-Brown, F. E., Thibodeaux, T., & Bello, R. (2003, September). Research in interpersonal/family communication: Sam Houston State University's graduate program. Panel presentation, Louisiana Communication Association, Lake Charles, LA.
- Bello, R. (2003, April). Abuse in American families: An analysis of public discourse. Top Three Award in Language and Social Interaction Division, Southern States Communication Association, Birmingham, AL.
- Bello, R. (2003, April). Ethics and equivocation: Are they mutually exclusive? Invited panel presentation, Interpersonal Communication Division, Southern States Communication Association, Birmingham, AL.
- Bello, R. (2002, April). Is avoidance-avoidance conflict the necessary and sufficient cause of interpersonal equivocation? **Top Four Award** in Interpersonal Communication Division, Southern States Communication Association, Winston-Salem, NC.

- Edwards, R., & Bello, R. (2001, November). The relationships among communication competence, politeness, and honesty as a function of equivocation, face concerns, and ego-involvement. National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Edwards, R., & Bello, R. (2001, April). The influence of equivocation, face concerns, and ego-involvement on message interpretation, II. Southern States Communication Association, Lexington, KY.
- Edwards, R., & Bello, R. (2000, November). Interpretations of messages: The influence of equivocation, face concerns, and ego-involvement. National Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Bello, R., & Edwards, R. (1999, November). Development and validation of a new method for measuring equivocation, National Communication Association, Chicago, IL.
- Bello, R. (1998, November). Causes and psycholinguistic correlates of interpersonal equivocation. National Communication Association, New York, NY. (Accepted for ERIC Database.)
- Edwards, R., Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F. E., & Hollems, M. D. (1998, November.) The effects of loneliness, Machiavellianism, and verbal aggressiveness on message interpretation. National Communication Association, New York, NY.
- Bello, R. (1998, April). Connections among relational root metaphors, relationship history, and the use of marriage market intermediaries. **Top Five Award** in Communication Theory Division, Southern States Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Bello, R. (1998, April). The rhetorical epistemologies of Kenneth Burke and the Sophists. Southern States Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Edwards, R., Bello, R., Brandau-Brown, F., Futch, A., Hollems, D., & Kirtley, M. D. (1997, April). Personality and gender influence the interpretation of messages. **Top Four Award** in Communication Theory Division, Southern States Communication Association, Savannah, GA.
- Bello, R. (1996, November). The contemporary rise of Louisiana Voices and other neo-Chautauquas: A return to oral performance. **Top Four Award** in Performance Studies Division, Speech Communication Association, San Diego, CA.



- Bello, R. (1995, November). Determinants of equivocation: The influence of situational formality, interaction phase, and ambiguity tolerance. **Top Three Award** in Language and Social Interaction Division, Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, TX. (Accepted for ERIC Database.)
- Bello, R. (1995, November). Toward a synthesis of theological and scientific approaches to language. Speech Communication Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Bello, R. (1995, April.) Public speaking apprehension and gender as predictors of speech competence. Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA. (Accepted for ERIC Database.)
- Bello, R. (1995, April). A Burkeian analysis of the ongoing 'political correctness' debate in higher education. Southern States Communication Association, New Orleans, LA. (Accepted for ERIC Database.)
- Bello, R. (1984, April). Biosocial man and significant symbol: George Herbert Mead's theory of language. Southern Speech Communication Association, Baton Rouge, LA.

#### Funded Grant Projects

Co-investigator for project awarded \$3150 in 1995 by the Nicholls State University Research Council: "Fact v. Opinion: A Test of Judicial Assumptions Regarding Reader Perceptions."

Co-investigator for project awarded \$30,000 in 1997 by the state of Louisiana's Education Quality Support Fund: "A Proposal for Enhancing Student Speech Learning Using the Visual Modality."

#### Other

Research on determinants of equivocation (from *Communication Research*, 2000—see above) cited and discussed in 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Communicating at Work*, a popular textbook on business and professional communication.

Research published on message interpretation and equivocation (from *Southern Communication Journal*, 2001 and *Human Communication Research*, 2001—see above) referenced and discussed as sidebar in 9th edition of *Interplay*, a popular textbook on interpersonal communication.

Research on political correctness movement (from *Southern Communication Journal*, 1996—see above) cited as exemplar of textual analysis studies in the textbook *Investigating Communication: An Introduction to Research Methods*.

Research on the effects of attachment style on the use of relational repair strategies among remarried individuals (from *Journal of Family Communication*, 2010—see above) cited and discussed in the 4th edition of the textbook *Close Encounters: Communication in Relationships*.

Research on the influence of attachment style on how relational repair messages are perceived by partners (from *Communication Quarterly*, 2008—see above) cited and discussed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the textbook *Engaging Theories in Interpersonal Communication: Multiple Perspectives*.

Research on the influence of equivocation on the interpretations of messages (from *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, 2005) cited and discussed in the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the textbook *Interplay*. In the same edition of that textbook, research on cross-cultural methods of expressing appreciation (from *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 2010) also cited and discussed.

## CONTRIBUTED CONSULTING AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### University, College, Department

Interviewed by The Houstonian for article on teachers' strikes, April 2018

Service on Honors College Advisory Council, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2015-present

Attendance at several Honors College-sponsored events (Medallion Ceremony, Open House for High School Recruitment, Honors Retreat, President's Dinner), 2015-present

Service on College of Humanities and Social Sciences' Tenth Anniversary Celebration Committee, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Judge for Miss Sam Houston Pageant preliminary rounds, 2015-2017

Participant in and speaker for College of Humanities and Social Sciences' Huntsville High School Recruiting Event, Sam Houston State University, April 7, 2014

Hosted middle-school students from Spring ISD in my classes as part of SHSU's ELITE (Establishing Leadership in and Through Education) program, April 2014

Service on University Courses and Curricula Committee, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2012-Spring 2015

Panel moderator for Medicine and the Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, Sam Houston State University, April 20, 2012

Faculty representative at Pay It Forward's High School Graduation Celebration for area foster children in The Woodlands, TX, May 6, 2011

Departmental faculty representative at College of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Conference, April 29, 2011

Invited speaker on behaviors exhibited by deceptive communicators to Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, Sam Houston State University, October 7, 2010 and April 19, 2012

Keynote speaker for induction ceremony of National Society of Leadership and Success, Sam Houston State University, April 30, 2009

Faculty representative for Destination Graduation program each semester, Department of Communication Studies, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2007-present

Service on Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2007-present

Service on Undergraduate Studies Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2007-present

Chair of Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Communication Studies, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2007-present

Service on Dean's Distinguished Advisory Committee on Research/Scholarship, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2006-2009

Invited guest presenter on public speaking skills to multiple sections of SAM 136 classes, Spring and Fall 2006, Fall 2007

Service on University Faculty Research Committee, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

Faculty member of Team Blue in Can You Beat Ken Jennings? Competition, President's Speaker Series, Sam Houston State University, November 15, 2005

Instructor for area Boy Scout Merit Badge University, Communications Merit Badge, Sam Houston State University, February 12, 2005

Chair of Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor Positions, Department of Speech Communication, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2004-present

Service on Courses and Curricula Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2004-Spring 2012

Co-leader of group discussion on team approach to research at College of Humanities and Social Sciences conference, Sam Houston State University, August 23, 2004

Chair of Course Offerings Committee, Department of Speech Communication, Sam Houston State University, Spring 2004

Service on Graduate Program Planning Committee, Department of Speech Communication, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2003

Service on Faculty Peer Evaluation Committee, Department of Speech Communication, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2003

Judge and moderator for high school Academic Challenge Competition, Sam Houston State University, November 15, 2003

Faculty Reader at Nicholls State University commencement exercises and service on University Commencement Committee, Fall 2000-2003

President of the Nicholls State University chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2001-2002

Service on Arts and Sciences Awards Banquet Committee, Nicholls State University, Fall 2002

Originator, coordinator, and occasional moderator of Nicholls State University Forums (audience participation debates), 1981 and 1984-2003

Presentation on overcoming fear of public speaking to Emerging Leaders Program, Nicholls State University, April 1999

Service on Honors Task Force for purpose of initiating and developing Honors Program at Nicholls State University, 1998; in process, developed syllabus for new Speech 105 Honors course

Faculty Sponsor for Minds Meeting Discussion Club, Nicholls State University, 1998

Service on Scholarship Committee, Nicholls State University, 1995-1996

House Manager for Nicholls State University theater productions held every semester, 1981 and 1984-1996

Presentation on small group problem solving to Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, Nicholls State University, 1996

Interviewed prospective Nicholls State University students for Scholars' Day, 1996

Service on departmental Computer Printer Networking Committee, Nicholls State University, 1993-1994

Judge for Original Oratory event at District Literary Rally, Nicholls State University, 1984-1996, 1998-2000

Presentation on interviewing to Management Society, Nicholls State University, 1987

Vice President of Faculty Senate, Nicholls State University, 1987

Faculty Senator, Nicholls State University, 1986-1987

Presentation on interviewing to Society for Personnel Administration, Nicholls State University, 1984

Graduate Student Council Arts and Sciences Representative, Louisiana State University, 1978-1979

Researcher and writer for Public Relations Committee, Catholic Student Center, Louisiana State University, 1977

Moderator of Free Speech Alley sponsored by Student Government Association, Louisiana State University, 1975-1977

### Professional

Guest reviewer for *Journal of Communication and Media Studies*, Fall 2017

Guest reviewer for *Cogent Environmental Sciences*, Fall 2017

Guest reviewer for *Cogent Social Sciences*, Spring 2016-Spring 2017

Guest reviewer for *The Design Collection*, Summer 2016

Service on J. Donald Ragsdale Award for Mentoring Committee, Southern States Communication Association, 2016-present

*Southern Communication Journal* Editorial Board member, June 2005-2014

Guest reviewer for *Personal Relationships*, Spring 2014 and Spring 2015

Associate Editor for *The International Journal of the Arts in Society*, 2010-present

Associate Editor for *The International Journal of Arts Theory and History*, 2012-2013

Associate Editor for *The International Journal of the Image*, 2013

Associate Editor for *The International Journal of Critical Cultural Studies*, 2013-present

Associate Editor for *The International Journal of the Inclusive Museum*, 2013

Guest reviewer for *Communication Reports*, Fall 2012-present

Service on John Sisco Award Committee for Excellence in Teaching, Southern States Communication Association, Fall 2011-2014.

Chair of Nominating Committee of Communication Theory Division of Southern States Communication Association, 2011-2012

Outside reviewer of research record for University of Louisville faculty member being considered for promotion to Full Professor, Summer 2011

Guest reviewer for *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 2010

Respondent for Top Papers in Interpersonal Communication panel, Southern States Communication Association, April 2010, Memphis, TN

Guest reviewer for *Journal of Language and Social Psychology*, 2008

Guest reviewer for *Communication Research*, Spring and Summer 2007

Guest reviewer for *Human Communication Research*, Fall 2007

Reviewer for papers submitted to annual convention of the Southern States Communication Association, Communication Theory and Interpersonal Divisions, 2007-present

Service on Constitution Committee, Southern States Communication Association, October 2005-2008

Service on Nominating Committee, Southern States Communication Association, April 2006-2007

Chair and respondent for research panel on speech anxiety and communication traits, meeting of Southern States Communication Association, April 2004, Tampa, FL

Chair of Communication Theory Division of Southern States Communication Association, 2003-2004

Manuscript reviewer/referee for the *Southern Communication Journal*, 2003-2004

Vice-Chair and Program Planner, Communication Theory Division of Southern States Communication Association, 2002-2003

Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Speech*, 1998-2001

Paper reviewer and respondent for Southern States Communication Association's Undergraduate Honors Conference, 1996, 2003, 2012

### Community

Presenter on children's deception for the Next Steps Foster Care Training Conference, Woodsedge Community Church (Spring, Texas), October 21, 2017

Presenter on children's deception for the 5th Annual Fostering Hope Texas Summit, Woodsedge Community Church (Spring, Texas), October 21, 2016

Presenter on children's deception and storytelling in foster families for the 4th Annual Fostering Hope Texas Summit, Woodsedge Community Church (Spring, Texas), November 19, 2015

Presentation at Huntsville Public Library on birding in Huntsville, June 23, 2016.

Presentation to local chapter of National Audubon Society on birding in Huntsville, Huntsville, April 2016

Photographer for Montgomery County CPS-sponsored Run for Hope fundraiser, April 6, 2012

Presentation to local chapter of National Audubon Society on birds of Costa Rica, Huntsville, November 2014

Presentation to local chapter of National Audubon Society on birds of Costa Rica, Huntsville, September 2011

Presentation to local chapter of National Audubon Society on birds of Trinidad and Tobago, Huntsville, February 2008

Presentation to local chapter of National Audubon Society on birds of Belize, Huntsville, January 2007

Volunteer, Hurricane Rita relief effort on Sam Houston State University campus, October 2005

Instructor for district Boy Scout Communication Merit Badge, Sam Houston State University, February 12, 2005

Participant in National Audubon Society sponsored Christmas Bird Count, Huntsville, TX, 2003-2018 seasons

Conducted lector training seminar (along with two colleagues) for St. John's Episcopal Church, Thibodaux, LA, Feb. 2002

Presentation to local chapter of American Business Women's Association on improving public speaking skills, Thibodaux, LA, 2000

Conducted seminar on enhancing communication skills at regional church leadership training conference near Hot Springs, Arkansas, 1992, 1994, 1995

Compiled bibliography on test-taking skills for Chapter I Reading Recovery Program of Coteau-Bayou Blue Elementary School, 1995

Judge for American Legion Oratorical Contest, Thibodaux, LA, 1991, 1993-1996

Judge for Veterans of Foreign Wars Radio Speaking Contest, Thibodaux, LA, 1989

Compiler and leader of National Audubon Society sponsored Christmas Bird Count, Thibodaux, LA, 1987-2003

Taught bird honor course to Pathfinders Club in Houma (LA) 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994

Presentation on amateur ornithology at statewide Pathfinders honors conference, Alexandria, LA, 1989

President of Lafourche SPCA, 1988



Presenter at Resume Writing and Interviewing Workshop sponsored by First United Methodist Church, Thibodaux, LA, 1986

Assisted with production of teaching aid video on argumentation and debate for South Lafourche High School, 1986

Judge for Jaycee "Speak Up" Speech Contest, Thibodaux, LA, 1984

#### OTHER CONSULTING

Presenter on intercultural communication skills and storytelling in foster families for the annual Region 5 Foster and Adoptive Training Conference, Stephen F. Austin State University, April 21, 2012

Individual instruction in public speaking skills for community leader, 2008, Huntsville, TX

Individual instruction in interviewing skills for area businessperson, 1996, Houma, LA

Instructor of public speaking course through Continuing Education at Nicholls State University, 1991, Thibodaux, LA

Communication consultant and speech writer (for area business executives), 1987, Thibodaux, LA

Communication (listening) consultant, Lafourche Parish Library System, 1985, Raceland, LA

Communication consultant, 1979, Midsouth Management Conference, Baton Rouge, LA