

Interpersonal Communication

This fully revised and updated second edition: * outlines the main components and distinctive characteristics of interpersonal communication * offers detailed analysis of communication structures, considering their everyday applications and implications * includes new material on race, gender and sexuality * looks to the future of interpersonal communication.

The revised Fourth Edition of The SAGE Handbook of Interpersonal Communication delivers a clear, comprehensive, and exciting overview of the field of interpersonal communication. It offers graduate students and faculty an important, state-of-the-art reference work in which well-known experts summarize theory and current research. The editors also explore key issues in the field, including personal relationships, computer-mediated communication, language, personality, skills, nonverbal communication, and communication across a person's life span. This updated handbook covers a wide range of established and emerging topics, including: Biological and Physiological Processes Qualitative and Quantitative Methods for Studying Interpersonal Communication Interpersonal Communication in Work, Family, Intercultural, and Health Contexts Supportive and Divisive Transactions Social Networks Editors Mark L. Knapp and John A. Daly have significantly contributed to the field of interpersonal communication with this important reference work—a must-have for students and scholars.

Emphasizes the importance of relating to others Interpersonal Communication: Relating to Others emphasizes the importance of communication confidence in a variety of interpersonal relationships and interpersonal contexts. The text offers exceptional coverage of cultural diversity to help students understand and adapt to differences while learning how to establish common links with others. MyCommunicationLab is an integral part of the Beebe program. Key learning applications include MediaShare, assessment and sample speeches. A better teaching and learning experience This program will provide a better teaching and learning experience-for you and your students. Here's how: Personalize Learning-MyCommunicationLab is online learning. MyCommunicationLab engages students through personalized learning and helps instructors from course preparation to delivery and assessment. Improve Critical Thinking-Learning objectives help students focus on what they need to master. Engage Students-An emphasis on technology keeps the material engaging to today's students. Support Instructors-A full set of supplements, including MyCommunicationLab, provides instructors with all the resources and support they need. 0205953654 / 9780205953653 Interpersonal Communication Plus NEW MyCommunicationLab with eText -- Access Card Package Package consists of: 020586273X / 9780205862733 Interpersonal Communication 0205890857 / 9780205890859 NEW MyCommunicationLab with Pearson eText -- Valuepack Access Card NOTE: MyCommunicationLab does not come automatically packaged with this text.

Interpersonal Communication's unique goals-based approach allows for an accessible, practical presentation of the latest research, introducing the most current theories and ideas in the field while keeping students firmly rooted in the real world of people and relationships.

Improving your powers of communication can encourage powerful communication with your parishioners. A Pastor's Guide to Interpersonal Communication: The Other Six Days provides students preparing for the pastoral ministry with specialized training in communications that focuses on the kind of one-on-one conversations they can expect to have with their parishioners. This comprehensive book examines a variety of essential topics, including perception, self-disclosure, verbal and nonverbal messages, listening, stages of relational development, power assertiveness and dominance, conflict management, forgiveness, persuasion, dual relationships, pastoral family communication, and how to develop a communications model. Each chapter includes "Pastoral Conversations," real-life dialogues presented for analysis; "Key Concepts" for quick student review; "Meanings Mania," self-tests on vocabulary; and "Unleashing the Power of Interpersonal Communication," student exercises that reinforce the practical aspects of key principles. While many pastors have a great love for the people they minister to, they have difficulty demonstrating that love because they lack the skills to develop and maintain relationships. This book explores how communication works and how to make it work for you, applying the best available interpersonal communications techniques to your relationships with the real people of the church—your parishioners. A Pastor's Guide to Interpersonal Communication: The Other Six Days examines: how self-disclosure works and when it's appropriate for a pastor stumbling blocks and building blocks for effective listening the differences between power, assertiveness, and dominance and when to use each conflict management styles and negotiation strategies several myths about forgiveness dual relationships and how to avoid them pitfalls to avoid in pastoral family communication and much more A Pastor's Guide to Interpersonal Communication: The Other Six Days is an essential resource for Bible college students and for students at the pre-ministerial and seminary levels. It's also a valuable professional tool for clergy practitioners who need help with their communication skills.

ICOMM: Interpersonal Concepts and Competencies, provides an integrated approach to the study of interpersonal communication. This accessibly written but authoritative text emphasizes the development of communication competencies, including skills, understanding of the theory and research that contextualizes the skills to make them relevant to learning, and the motivation to put the skills into practice. While incorporating many traditional intrapersonal and interpersonal topics found in current texts, the book is distinctive in that it offers a skills-based approach that is grounded in solid theory and research. Students will find that the text is written in a personal and friendly manner, stressing concepts, skills, and applications that should be an important part of their daily lives.

This exceptional collection--a compilation of meta-analyses related to issues in interpersonal communication--provides an expansive review of existing interpersonal communication research. Incorporating a wide variety of topics related to interpersonal communication, including couples and safe sex, parent-child communication, argumentativeness, and self-disclosure, the contributions in this volume also examine such basic issues as reciprocity, constructivism, social support in interpersonal communication, as well as gender, conflict, and marital and organizational issues. With contributions organized into five sections, this volume: *sets the stage for independent meta-analyses; *provides an overview of individual characteristics in interpersonal

communication and the meta-analyses reflecting this theme; *explores the dyadic and interactional approaches to interpersonal communication; and *examines the impact of the meta-analyses on the understanding of interpersonal communication. As a resource for interpersonal communication researchers at all levels, this volume establishes a solid foundation from which to launch the next generation of study and research.

The Interpersonal Communication Book provides a highly interactive presentation of the theory, research, and skills of interpersonal communication with integrated discussions of diversity, ethics, workplace issues, face-to-face and computer-mediated communication and a new focus on the concept of choice in communication. Recognized for its ability to help students understand the crucial connection between theory and practice, this thirteenth edition presents a comprehensive view of the theory and research in interpersonal communication and, at the same time, guides students to improve a wide range of interpersonal skills. The text emphasizes how to choose among those skills and make effective communication choices in a variety of personal, social, and workplace relationships. Superior coverage of cultural diversity, ethics, interpersonal communication in the workplace, and the integration of face-to-face and computer-mediated communication make The Interpersonal Communication Book the best choice for preparing students to communicate successfully in today's world. Teaching & Learning Experience Personalize Learning—"Test Yourself" self-assessments interspersed throughout each chapter ask students to analyze their own thoughts and behaviors on a variety of interpersonal issues. These interactive quizzes personalize the material for students and help engage them in the text and the course. MyCommunicationLab delivers proven results in helping students succeed, provides engaging experiences that personalize learning, and comes from a trusted partner with educational expertise and a deep commitment to helping students and instructors achieve their goals. With tools such as MediaShare (our video upload and commenting tool), MyOutline, and self-assessments in MyPersonalityProfile, MySpeechLab works with students and instructors to personalize the learning experience and make it more effective. Improve Skill Development and Application—"Understanding Interpersonal Skills" boxes complement the theory and research boxes by highlighting and reinforcing the major skills discussed throughout the text: First the boxes present a skills-related concept and then the students apply the skills to their own communication behavior and choices through a "Working with Interpersonal Skills" activity. Chapter summaries (including QR links to audio summaries), key terms, and additional activities on MyCommunicationLab.com emphasize skill-building and applications. Engage Students—"ViewPoints" photo captions make every interior photo a truly integrated and pedagogically sound part of the text by presenting a substantive issue to stimulate class discussion and to provide insight into the ways in which interpersonal communication works. "Interpersonal Choice Points," brief scenarios asking students to apply the material in the chapter to a specific interaction, encourage them to apply the research and theory discussed in the text to real-life situations. Explore Examples of interpersonal communication in a variety of contexts: culture, gender, technology, workplace, and ethics. Emphasize Learning Outcomes — Objectives preface each chapter and provide a clear statement of what the reader should learn (knowledge) and be able to do (skill) after reading the chapter. Understand Theory and Research — Contemporary theory and research findings are included

throughout and are referenced in APA format. “Understanding Interpersonal Theory & Research” boxes in every chapter highlight relevant theories and research and help illustrate how theory can be provocative and often practical. Students also can access Pearson’s MySearchLab where students can get extensive help on the research process as well as can access four databases of credible and reliable source material (for details, please see www.mysearchlab.com). MySearchLab also contains an AutoCite feature that assists students in the creation of a Works Cited document (using APA, MLA, or Chicago formats), as well as Pearson’s SourceCheck, which encourages students to accurately document and cite their sources. Support Instructors– Strong supplements package along with activities and assessments in MyCommunicationLab. ClassPrep, located within MySpeechLab, contains videos, lectures, classroom activities, audio clips, and more.

Interpersonal communication has been studied in terms of both communication functions and specialized contexts. This handbook comprehensively covers the field including research on processes of social influence, the role of communication in the development, maintenance and decline of close personal relationships, nonverbal communication, cognitive approaches, communication and conflict, bargaining and negotiation, health communication, organizational socialization and supervisor-subordinate communication, social networks, and technologically-mediated interpersonal communication. Two chapters are dedicated to research methods in the field. The handbook includes chapters by widely recognized and respected scholars in the field.

Skills for becoming clear communicators, confident speakers, and sharp thinkers. Designed for today’s active learners, The Communication Playbook moves students beyond the classroom by helping them develop a strong communication skillset that will benefit them throughout their lives. With a focus on effective communication skills and career success, bestselling authors Teri Kwai Gamble and Michael K. Gamble give students clear explanations of core concepts followed by practical learning activities—encouraging students to think critically about why good communication is important and how the concepts can be applied to today’s classroom, workplace, and community. Perfect for the hybrid communication course with coverage of public speaking, this concise text has been strategically separated into tabbed chapters—making it easier for readers to navigate, digest, revisit, and review the content. As good communication is the foundation of everyday life, The Communication Playbook primes students for success in both their courses and their careers.

Written by leading scholar and award-winning teacher Julia T. Wood, *INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION: EVERYDAY ENCOUNTERS*, 8e relates theory and skills directly to students’ everyday interactions as it delivers a solid introduction to interpersonal communication. Completely up to date, the new Eighth Edition integrates the latest communication research, including findings from more than 125 new sources. Reflecting the author’s expertise in gender and social diversity, the text includes an unparalleled focus on diversity. The new edition also features increased coverage of social media and an expanded emphasis on ethical choices. It addresses such timely issues as emotional intelligence and forgiveness, interracial relationships, safe sex, ways to deal with abuse from intimates, race-related differences between conflict styles, and the power of language. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

What can we do to help those who struggle to develop effective social skills? *Social Skills: Developing Effective Interpersonal Communication* is a definitive guide to understanding and meeting the needs of those who have difficulty with social skills. Written in a clear and accessible manner, this book provides a theoretical framework to the teaching of social skills alongside a range of practical ideas for practitioners. The

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book offers a four-step plan that can be adapted for use with young people or adults who are struggling with any aspect of their social skills. A simple model for assessing social skills is provided, as well as ways to measure the impact of intervention. Full of interesting examples and case studies, it includes discussion of how to teach social skills, how social skills develop through childhood, why they sometimes might not, and why social skills difficulties can have an impact on self-esteem and friendships. It includes a breakdown of social skills into the following areas: body language eye contact listening and paralanguage starting and ending conversations maintaining conversations assertiveness Written by one of the most well-known Speech and Language therapists in this field and the creator of the internationally successful Talkabout resources, this book provides a key reference for the study of social skills. It will be essential reading for educators, therapists, parents and anyone supporting others in developing communication and social skills.

The Third Edition of the Handbook of Interpersonal Communication includes eight new chapters and eleven revised from the second edition. Following an introductory chapter, the volume is organized into four parts covering perspectives on inquiry in interpersonal communication, fundamental units of interpersonal communication, processes and functions, and interpersonal contexts. Features include: · Each chapter reviews and updates research in its respective area · Part II examines methodological issues in the field · Includes articles by top scholars in the field of Interpersonal Communication

Discusses major theories of interpersonal communication.

Engages students with lively and accessible insights into interpersonal skill development Interpersonal Messages creates a foundation for students to understand the concepts of interpersonal communication and to develop the necessary skills to apply what they have learned through comprehensive coverage, exercises, and real life examples. With a focus on skill-building, this text helps today's students understand how to master interpersonal communication and relationship skills in every area of their personal, social, and professional lives.

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research, and hands-on methods. A threefold approach identifies important communicative concepts: choices in interpersonal situations, the theories and research that support these choices, and the communication skills necessary to effectively use these theories. The text allows readers to examine the question of how, when, and through which channels they should communicate in different contexts. The Fourteenth Edition provides the newest insights and research in person-to-person interaction, making for an up-to-date source for communication study. New features and chapter-by-chapter updates make Interpersonal Communication the most comprehensive, relevant source on the topic. Also available with MyCommunicationLab MyCommunicationLab for the Interpersonal Communication course extends learning online, engaging students and improving results. Media resources with assignments bring concepts to life, and offer students opportunities to practice applying what they've learned. And MediaShare offers an easy, mobile way for students and instructors to interact and engage with speeches, visual aids, group projects, and other files. Please note: this version of MyCommunicationLab does not include an eText. The Interpersonal Communication Book, Fourteenth Edition is also available via REVEL(tm), an immersive learning experience designed for the way today's students read, think, and learn.

Our interpretations of the world we live in, and the people and institutions that comprise it, are acquired through complex interactions among what we believe to be true, what the world is, and/or what others think it is. Understanding those complex interactions is one of the most important goals of the social sciences. Of the many disciplines that have contributed to that understanding, two take center stage in this book -- psychology and communication. This volume's purpose is to reconnect the partially isolated environments of social psychology and communication. To do so, it utilizes four building blocks: * the cognitive foundations of interpersonal communication as it might be studied from a social psychological perspective * insiders' views of interpersonal communication from a cognitive psychological standpoint * insiders' approaches to interpersonal communication from an AI perspective * a critique of the cognitive enterprise that reflects the strong philosophical grounding of communication. Overall, the chapters typify some of the most interesting cognitive work done in the study of interpersonal communication. As such, the book should promote productive dialogue across disciplinary boundaries and stimulate further work within the field of interpersonal communication.

The seventh edition of Interpersonal Communication continues the tradition of excellence established by this theory-driven text. Its unique learning model, which emphasizes communication competence, stands at the forefront of the discipline. Now featuring a four-color interior and an entirely new art program, it remains at the highest level of scholarship offered for courses in interpersonal communication. NEW TO THIS EDITION: -New highlighted boxes, "Interdisciplinary Connections," make the applications of the social-scientific theory presented in the text more engaging -Further integration of the communication competence model, which has been made clearer and reappears several times throughout the text -A new chapter on Listening -Six new "Screening Room" that relate concepts to popular movies and television shows SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR INSTRUCTORS: -Instructor's Manual -Instructor's Resource CD with Computerized Test Bank -A Companion Website featuring chapter outlines, review questions, and PowerPoint-based slides is available at www.oup.com/us/trenholm

Written in a conversational style for students living in today's world of ever-evolving media and new technology, this hands-on

skills guide by Teri Kwal Gamble and Michael W. Gamble puts students at the center of interpersonal communication. To help them become better, more successful communicators, married author team Teri Kwal Gamble and Michael Gamble shed new light on the dynamics of students' everyday interactions and relationships, and give students the tools they need to develop and cultivate effective communication skills. Using an applied, case-study approach that draws from popular culture and students' own experiences, Gamble and Gamble go beyond skill building by encouraging readers to critically reflect on their own communication patterns and actively apply relevant theory to develop and maintain healthy relationships with family, friends, romantic partners, and co-workers. Designed to promote self-reflection and develop students' interpersonal communication skills, each chapter of this engaging text examines how media, technology, gender, and culture affect the dynamics of relationships and self-expression. Interpersonal Communication focuses on the basic processes of interpersonal communication, emphasizing the importance of reciprocal influence processes in face-to-face interaction. The topics discussed in this book include the manipulation of interpersonal communication; dual aspect of human communication; dimensions of social interaction; nonverbal communication; and social interaction in subhuman primates. The psychotherapy as interpersonal communication; study of disturbed communication in families; and development of interpersonal communication in children are also deliberated. This text likewise covers the cultural differences in interpersonal communication and study of interpersonal processes. This publication is intended for social psychologists, but is also a good reference for those working in related disciplines that require a social psychological treatment of the subject.

"Interpersonal Communication 4e help students to see how communication not only affects their relationships but also influences their health, happiness, and quality of life. It encourages students to go beyond commonsense notions about communication and help them see the value of investigating interpersonal processes-both face-to-face and online-in a systematic way"--

Updated in its 13th edition, Joseph Devito's The Interpersonal Communication Book provides a highly interactive presentation of the theory, research, and skills of interpersonal communication with integrated discussions of diversity, ethics, workplace issues, face-to-face and computer-mediated communication and a new focus on the concept of choice in communication. This thirteenth edition presents a comprehensive view of the theory and research in interpersonal communication and, at the same time, guides readers to improve a wide range of interpersonal skills. The text emphasizes how to choose among those skills and make effective communication choices in a variety of personal, social, and workplace relationships

Recognized for its focus on being "other-oriented" - a focal point that highlights the importance interpersonal interactions - Interpersonal Communication: Relating to Others enhances communication competence in a variety of interpersonal relationships and interpersonal contexts. This sixth edition emphasizes the expanding role of technology in interpersonal communication and the implication of its use in our daily relationships and communication with others. Relating to Others also offers exceptional coverage of cultural diversity, to help readers understand and adapt to these differences while learning how to establish common links with other individuals enabling them to build and strengthen relationships in their everyday lives.

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Previous editions ('Social Skills in Interpersonal Communication') have established this work as the standard textbook on communication. Directly relevant to a multiplicity of research areas and professions, this thoroughly revised and updated edition has been expanded to include the latest research as well as a new chapter on negotiating. Key examples and summaries have been augmented to help contextualise the theory of skilled interpersonal communication in terms of its practical applications. Combining both clarity and a deep understanding of the subject matter, the authors have succeeded in creating a new edition which will be essential to anyone studying or working in the field of interpersonal communication.

Featuring several all-new chapters, revisions, and updates, the Second Edition of *A Cultural Approach to Interpersonal Communication* presents an interdisciplinary collection of key readings that explore how interpersonal communication is socially and culturally mediated. Includes key readings from the fields of cultural and linguistic anthropology, sociolinguistics, and communication studies Features new chapters that focus on digital media Offers new introductory chapters and an expanded toolkit of concepts that students may draw on to link culture, communication, and community Expands the Ethnographer's Toolkit to include an introduction to basic concepts followed by a range of ethnographic case studies

Now published by SAGE! *Interpersonal Communication, Fourth Edition* empowers students to become more confident communicators by providing them with both the knowledge and the practical skills they need to make effective communication choices in today's rapidly changing and technologically advanced society. Rather than "telling" students how to communicate, authors Richard L. West and Lynn H. Turner offer a toolbox of key skills so students can actively choose and experiment with strategies appropriate for a given situation. Filled with realistic examples and scenarios that reflect the diversity and interactions of today's students, this practical text makes clear connections among theory, skills, and the life situations we all encounter on a daily basis. A Complete Teaching & Learning Package SAGE Premium Video Included in the interactive eBook! SAGE Premium Video tools and resources boost comprehension and bolster analysis. Interactive eBook Includes access to SAGE Premium Video, multimedia tools, and much more! Save when you bundle the interactive eBook with the new edition. Order using bundle ISBN: 9781544365657. Learn more. SAGE coursepacks FREE! Easily import our quality instructor and student resource content into your school's learning management system (LMS) and save time. Learn more. SAGE edge FREE online resources for students that make learning easier. See how your students benefit. 9781544365657 9781544365657 9781544365657

An update of a college-level text, first published in 1996, addressing concepts and methods for improving communication through study of the self, language, nonverbal communication, conflict management, and communication with family, friends, lovers, and colleagues. Annotation c. by Book News, Inc.,

Gathering research from numerous disciplines, the authors have examined the many elements that affect competent interpersonal communication in order to develop their own practical model. This definitive work includes over 700 references (the broadest bibliography ever published on the subject) and should serve as an effective stimulus to further research.

Virtually every human endeavor involves interpersonal communication. Leading Christian scholar and media commentator Quentin Schultze and respected professor of communication Diane Badzinski offer a solid Christian perspective on the topic, helping readers communicate with faith, skill, and virtue in their interpersonal relationships. Designed as a companion to Schultze's successful *An Essential Guide to Public Speaking*, this inviting book provides biblical wisdom on critical areas of interpersonal communication: gratitude, listening, self-assessment,

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forgiveness, trust, encouragement, peace, and fidelity. Given the rapid rise and widespread use of social media, the book also integrates intriguing insights from the latest research on the influence of social media on interpersonal relationships. It includes engaging stories and numerous sidebars featuring practical lists, definitions, illustrations, and biblical insights.

Mediated interpersonal communication is one of the most dynamic areas in communication studies, reflecting how individuals utilize technology more and more often in their personal interactions. Organizations also rely increasingly on mediated interaction for their communications. Responding to this evolution in communication, this collection explores how existing and new personal communication technologies facilitate and change interpersonal interactions. Chapters offer in-depth examinations of mediated interpersonal communication in various contexts and applications. Contributions come from well-known scholars based around the world, reflecting the strong international interest and work in the area.

Engaging Theories in Family Communication, Second Edition delves deeply into the key theories in family communication, focusing on theories originating both within the communication discipline and in allied disciplines. Contributors write in their specific areas of expertise, resulting in an exceptional resource for scholars and students alike, who seek to understand theories spanning myriad topics, perspectives, and approaches. Designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students studying family communication, this text is also relevant for scholars and students of personal relationships, interpersonal communication, and family studies. This second edition includes 16 new theories and an updated study of the state of family communication. Each chapter follows a common pattern for easy comparison between theories.

Kory Floyds approach to interpersonal communication stems from his research area where he studies the positive impact of communication on our health and well-being. Interpersonal Communication 2e shows students how effective interpersonal communication can make their lives better. With careful consideration given to the impact of computer-mediated communication, the program reflects the rapid changes of the modern world that todays students live and interact in, and helps them understand and build interpersonal skills and choices for their livesacademically, personally, and professionally.

Interpersonal Communication: Competence and Contexts prepares students to communicate successfully in today's fast-paced and complex society through the implementation of a unique competence-building model. This highly readable text provides the theories, concepts, and applications in a pedagogically sound format based on a model of communication competence made up of three elements: motivation, knowledge, and skill. Studying interpersonal communication through this distinct framework will provide a foundation for students' motivation to communicate competently, increase their knowledge about communication, and enhance their acquisition and performance of communication skills. Covering a broad range of interpersonal communication themes, including strategic alternatives and solutions to communication challenges and information about friendship, family, romantic, and workplace relationships, this Second Edition presents theories, concepts, and activities with engaging examples and an attention-getting design.

Studies in Applied Interpersonal Communication offers solutions for communication problems that erupt in our daily lives. By focusing on socially meaningful applied research in communication, this book offers a new direction for interpersonal

communication studies. Featuring original studies that are practical and relevant, chapters provide readers with a balanced combination of rigorous research with pragmatic application. This book will generate enthusiasm among students and scholars and inspire future research that moves beyond the theoretical and toward the practical. This book discusses how people go about achieving their social goals through human symbolic interaction. The editors' collective presumption is that there are more or less typical ways that people attempt to obtain desired outcomes -- be they persuasive, informative, conflictive, or the like -- through communication. Representing a first summary of research done by scholars, primarily in the communication discipline, this volume seeks to identify and understand how it is that people achieve what they want through social interaction. Under the very broad label of strategies, this research has sought to: * identify critical social goals such as gaining compliance, generating affinity, resolving social conflict, and offering information; * specify, for each goal, the ways, or strategies, by which people can go about achieving these goals; * determine predictors of strategy selection -- that is, why does a person opt for one strategy over others to obtain the desired end? The research also reflects the attention the field of communication has given to strategy issues in the past 15 years. The chapters describe research on the ways in which people achieve different goals, and summarize existing research and theory on the attainment of social goals. Readers will gain insight into many of the issues that exist regardless of the strategy being discussed. Thus, this volume may not include chapters on topics such as ways people elicit or offer disclosure, ways people demonstrate anger, or ways people create guilt, but the issues that appear consistently throughout the various chapters should apply equally to these. Finally, the essays in this volume provide not only a summary of what has been accomplished to date, but also an initial theoretic map for future research concerning strategic interpersonal communication.

Some of us may believe that interpersonal communication is a matter of common sense or that skillful communication is an innate ability that you either have or you don't. In this text, Denise Solomon and Jennifer Theiss demonstrate that interpersonal communication skills are not just common sense; nor are they mysterious qualities that defy learning. *Interpersonal Communication: Putting Theory into Practice* draws on theory and research in the interpersonal communication discipline to help you identify strategies to improve your communication skills. Denise and Jen introduce interpersonal communication as a subject of scientific research that has enormous relevance to your daily lives. You will learn to use what researchers have discovered about interpersonal communication to improve your own ability to communicate well. You will also read about contemporary research in interpersonal communication, a foundation for establishing skill-building tips. In making research accessible, Denise and Jen show that communication scholars tackle important questions that have real-life relevance, and they dispel myths about interpersonal communication. A

touchstone throughout this book is a commitment to topics and applications that can help you in many different situations and throughout your life. The companion website provides self-assessment quizzes, video interviews with scholars, and more. When you have finished reading this text, you will be better prepared to communicate effectively in all areas of your world, with skills and understanding that you can use to improve your interactions with the people around you.

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