Welcome Message

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Syracuse for the 2017 IARR Mini-Conference. IARR has a rich history of holding conferences that are both rigorously scientific and a lot of fun. We hope we are able to to carry on the tradition!

On the scientific front, the theme of our mini-conference is *Interdependence, Interaction, and Relationships*. This theme emphasizes interdependent perspectives on relationships, encompassing the myriad ways that relationship scholars conceptualize dyadic and group phenomena. The program is packed with presentations that highlight the promise of this perspective, and we cannot wait to hear what you all have to say.

On the fun side, we have ample opportunities to interact with a diverse group of fellow relationship scientists. We have registered delegates from 10 different countries, with home disciplines spanning the breadth of IARR. In attendance are relationship scholars at all stages of career, from undergraduate and graduate students, to faculty and emeritus faculty.

Truly, we thank you all for spending the weekend with us, and we hope the program is exciting to you all, professionally and (inter)personally!

About IARR

www.iarr.org

The International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) is an interdisciplinary organization that strives to (a) promote advances in the scientific study of personal and social relationships, and (b) encourage collaboration among students, new scholars and experienced scholars. IARR resulted from the integration of two prior organizations (the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, the International Network on Personal Relationships) and has worked to maintain the high standards set by each organization. IARR members represent a broad range of disciplines, such as family studies, psychology, communication, sociology, child/lifespan development, gerontology, education, clinical work (e.g., counseling, therapy), philosophy, and anthropology. As a non-profit organization, IARR encourages cooperation among social scientists worldwide and supports the application of research findings in bettering individuals’ relationships.

The organization has members from six of the seven continents, and sponsors the following publications: Personal Relationships, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Relationship Research News, Advances in Personal Relationships.
Conference Information

Abstracts.
All abstracts (oral presentations, poster presentations, symposia, and keynotes) are available online on the conference website: iar2017.com/abstracts

Breakfasts, Coffee Breaks, and Lunches.
The Milton Atrium of the Life Sciences Building will be host to our meals and refreshment breaks.

Emergencies.
The Syracuse University Department of Public Safety (DPS) emergency dispatch number is 315-443-2224. They can also be reached by dialing 711 from any campus phone. In the US, the national emergency number is 911, and can be dialed from any phone.

Receptions.
There are two social networking events planned.

On Thursday June 22 from 7-9pm in the Milton Atrium of the Life Sciences Complex we will welcome you to central New York with local food and drink (and California wine - we are realistic about our strengths and weaknesses).

On Saturday June 24 from 5:30-9:30pm in the Flaum Grand Hall of Whitman School of Management’s building we will party with live music.

Both events will have plenty of food to create a full meal, and plenty of cool people to have a good time.

Restaurant Recommendations.
We have compiled a list of recommended restaurants and bars in the area, should you wish to venture outside of Syracuse University (maybe Friday night?). Access those recommendations and see a pinned Google map on our website: http://iarr2017.com/destination/

Smoking/Tobacco Policy.
Syracuse University is a tobacco-free campus (including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, hookah, and vapers). There are no designated smoking areas on campus. See http://wellness.syr.edu/tobacco-free/faq/ for information about where tobacco products may be consumed off campus.

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Keynote Speakers

**Marianne Dainton**
Interdependence and Relational Maintenance
Saturday June 24, 2017 | 4:30-5:30pm

**Karen Fingerman**
The Pivot Generation: Midlife Adults’ Relationships with Generations Above and Below
Friday June 23, 2017 | 4:45-5:45pm

**John Holmes**
The Structure of Interdependence Shapes Cognition in Relationships
Friday June 23, 2017 | 11:45-12:45pm

**Edward Lemay**
Relationship-Protective Properties of Selfishness and Insecurity: Insights from Interdependence and Communal-Exchange Theories
Saturday June 24, 2017 | 11:30-12:30pm

**Jeff Simpson**
Partner Buffering of Attachment Insecurity
Thursday June 22, 2017 | 6:00-7:00pm
**Program**

**Thursday June 22, 2017**

Registration Table open in Milton Atrium from 4p-8p

5:30p-7:00p  Dean’s Welcome and **Keynote** by Jeff Simpson - Partner Buffering of Attachment Insecurity (Life Sciences Complex 105 or 001)

7:00p-9:00p  Welcome Reception and **New Scholar Poster Session** (Milton Atrium, Life Sciences Complex)

- The relationship between dispositional mindfulness, adult attachment orientations, and emotion regulation *(Jodie Stevenson)*
- Interdependence between romantic partners during the transition to parenthood: Themes of partner facilitation and partner interference *(Deborah Yoon)*
- Perseverance and passion for one's partner: Exploring grit in a relational context *(Alexandra Black)*
- Cross-cultural variations in premarital romantic and sexual experiences among young adults in India and the USA *(Barani Devarajan)*
- Social interactions and their influence on mating aspirations and self-esteem *(Alison Slaughter)*
- Cultivating a collaborative culture in doctoral student environments: An autoethnographic approach *(Kathleen McCallops)*
- A dialectical perspective of perceived humor and openness during relational turning points *(Alison Buckley)*
- Dress for success: How cosplay affect relates to commitment in romantic relationships *(Connor Leshner)*
- How the frequency and salience of heterosexist experiences influence relationship commitment and stability: A longitudinal study *(TeKisha Rice)*
- Investigating levels of intimate partner violence in friends with benefits relationships *(Rebecca Thomas)*
- Retaliatory infidelity and the self-serving bias *(Benjamin Warach)*
- Biblical messages and fear of intimacy in orthodox Jewish men *(Sara Shapiro)*
- Conflicting interests in close relationships: The contextual benefit of dissimilarity *(Kathleen Huber)*
- The impact of negative emotional disclosure on need satisfaction among people with high trait self-control *(Rikki Sargent)*
Friday June 23, 2017

Registration Table open in Milton Atrium from 8a-4p

8:00a-8:30a  Breakfast (Milton Atrium, Life Sciences Complex)
8:30a-9:45a  Sessions

Attachment Style in Romantic Relationships: Understanding and Supporting Insecurely Attached Individuals (Life Sciences Complex 105)

- Touch reduces romantic jealousy in the anxiously attached (Brittany Jakubiak)
- Touch and well-being: Do avoidantly attached individuals react differently to touch? (Anik Debrot)
- Self-esteem and the quality of couple and coparental relationships: The mediating role of attachment (Nahema El Ghaziri)
- Breaking down barriers towards the intimacy averse: Behavioural methods of communicating affection to facilitate positive outcomes in avoidantly attached partners (Kristina Schrage)

Chair: Anik Debrot

Attraction and Fostering Connection: Dating, Friends, and Parasocial Relationships (Life Sciences Complex 011)

- To look hot or not? Romantic commitment modulates women’s attractiveness-regulation with romantic alternatives (Kori Krueger)
- Online dating preferences and attractiveness: A two-mode ERGM network analysis (Diane Felmlee)
- My favorite brand retweeted me! Fostering parasocial relationships online (Charisse L’Pree Corsbie-Massay)
- Attraction in cross-sex friendships (Beverley Fehr)

Chair: Diane Felmlee

Conflict and Disagreement (Life Sciences Complex 106)

- (Un-)Shared beliefs: Individual and dyadic effects of religiosity on relationship satisfaction and union stability (Katrina Frank)
- Interpersonal-political conflict in-person and online (Natalie Pennington)
- Couple’s conflict evaluations and relationship quality (Diane Jackson)
- How to kiss and make-up: Reconciliation after conflict among cohabiting couples (Julie Parsons)

Chair: Natalie Pennington

9:45a-10:00a  Transition and Coffee
10:00a-11:30a  **Methods Invited Session - Methods of Modeling Interdependence**  (Life Sciences Complex 105)

11:30a-11:45a  Transition and Coffee

11:45a-12:45p  **Keynote by John Holmes - The Structure of Interdependence Shapes Cognition in Relationships**  (Life Sciences Complex 001)

12:45p-1:45p  Lunch  (Milton Atrium, Life Sciences Complex)

1:45p-3:00p  **Sessions**

**Advances in Self-Expansion Research**  (Life Sciences Complex 105)

- The interplay between potential partners’ attachment styles shapes cortisol patterns and closeness during friendship initiation  (Lindsey Beck)
- Implicit theories of relationships and the expansion of the self: Implications for relationship functioning  (Brent Mattingly)
- Perceived excitement drives benefits of self-expanding activities  (Jennifer Tomlinson)

Chair: Arthur Aron

**Parenting: Finding an Optimal Level of Support**  (Life Sciences Complex 011)

- “I’m supposed to be perfect, but what if I’m not?”: An examination of college students’ uncertainty, emotion, and avoidance of mental health discussions with their parents  (Rachael Bishop)
- The effect of helicopter parenting, parental overinvolvement, support, and advice on college community, psychological, and academic adjustment: A comparison of US domestic students and Chinese international students in the US  (China Billott-Verhoff)
- Building strong families: How does family instability, coparenting quality, and father involvement explain child development outcomes?  (Melissa Curran)
- Family interactions in the mall: An exploratory observational study focusing on father-child relations  (Ying Zhang)

Chair: Melissa Curran

**Well-Being across the Lifespan**  (Life Sciences Complex 106)

- The old couple: Successful aging and the limits of autonomy and agency  (Markus Klingel)
- The unique role of capitalization support seeking and receipt in organizational identification and well-being  (Courtney Gosnell)
- The relative importance of actor, partner, and similarity effects in personality predicting global evaluative and experienced well-being  (William Chopik)
A prospective study of Big Five personality traits and perceived control among older couples (Ji Hyun Lee)

Chair: William Chopik

3:00p-3:15p Transition and Coffee

3:15p-4:30p Sessions

Contextualizing Emotion Suppression: Suppressing Negative Emotions Can Be Beneficial Depending on Individual and Partner Qualities and Motives (Life Sciences Complex 105)

Hiding feelings for whose sake? Attachment avoidance, relationship closeness, and protective buffering (Heike Winterheld)

Suppressing negativity can be good: Attachment anxiety and the curvilinear effect of expressive suppression (Yuthika Girme)

The implications of emotional suppression depend on partners’ depressive symptoms (Levi Baker)

An examination of negative emotion suppression and positive emotion amplification in families of college-aged students (Bonnie Le)

Chair: Levi Baker

Closeness and Interdependence (Life Sciences Complex 106)

Emotional interdependence in close relationships (Laura Sels)

Who are “we”? Couple identity clarity and romantic relationship quality (Lydia Emery)

Interdependence and closeness in getting-acquainted dyads (Susan Sprecher)

Chair: Susan Sprecher

Communication, Cognition, and Sexual Satisfaction (Life Sciences Complex 011)

Let’s try something new: Using response surface analysis to understand the effects of sexual accuracy and similarity (Jessica Maxwell)

Do you know who you are sleeping with? Accuracy and bias in couples’ sexual communication (Emmalene Carberry)

Emotional reactions to first intercourse among a sample of predominately urban youth of color (Anita Barbee)

Sexual satisfaction and marital happiness in the middle years of marriage: A dyadic examination given the contexts of gender and race (Randal Brown)

Chair: Anita Barbee

4:30p-4:45p Transition and Coffee
Keynote by Karen Fingerman - The Pivot Generation: Midlife Adults’ Relationships with Generations Above and Below (Life Sciences Complex 001)

Poster Session (Milton Atrium, Life Sciences Complex)

Online social network use and in-person social interactions: Associations with the positivity and accuracy of personality impressions (Jennifer Heyman)

Seeing red: Anger expression mediates the relationship between attachment and chronic loneliness (Katie O’Connell)

I want to tell you but I can’t: How ambivalence over emotional expression varies by type of relationship and emotion (Julie Brunson)

What’s better for the relationship: Rejecting a partner’s sexual advances kindly or having sex reluctantly? (James Kim)

Digital sex talk: An exploration of sexting usage in college student relationships (Alyce Viens)

So what’s the big deal?: Relationship contingent self-esteem, assessment of betrayal severity, and forgiveness (Thomas Dallas)

Affect regulation and adult attachment patterns when exposed to a fearful context (Jia Chong)

Relationship maintenance through the endorsement of destiny beliefs (Craig Brinkman)

The influence of relationship and partner characteristics on ambivalence over emotional expression (Megan Piesman)

Forecasted empathy and romantic attraction (Josh Ryan)

The interaction of gender and perceived capitalization responses predicts sleep quality (Saya Weissman)

Agreeableness and attachment anxiety in relationships (Samuel Chung)

Mate preferences in emerging adulthood and beyond: Cross-sectional and retrospective analyses to examine changes (Susan Sprecher)

Won’t you touch me? The impact of adult attachment styles on intimate touch (Samantha Wagner)

The role of parents during the transition to college: The influence of attachment style on mental health outcomes (Sarah Kistner)

Emotion regulation strategy as a predictor of perceived responsiveness during social support (Jessica Gingrich)

The meaning of friendship and its importance for wellbeing throughout adulthood (Victoria Zeeb)

The role of perceived partner responsiveness on emotional expression (Yan Ruan)
Personality and sex differences in dating couples’ “money talk” (Carol Wilson)

Quality of romantic and peer relationships, emotion regulation, and depressive symptoms (Joanna Hurley)

Self-other overlap as a predictor of intentions towards working with people with disabilities: An initial empirical evaluation (Michael Ioerger)

First love relationships: A replication and extension (Alexandra VanBergen)

Examining coping differences: A look at individual and communal coping’s impact within the mental health of dyads (Amanda Bermudez)

Sign here—an exploration of cultural contracts in identity negotiation within the evangelical LGBT community (Robert Matheny)

Friendship norms: An evaluation of race and gender (Sara Francisco)

Saturday June 24, 2017

Registration Table open in Milton Atrium from 8a-10a
(contact Laura VanderDrift - lvanderd@syr.edu - for later registration)

8:00a-8:30a Breakfast (Milton Atrium, Life Sciences Complex)

8:30a-9:45a Sessions

Autonomy as a Fundamental Aspect of Interdependent Relationships: Relationship Outcomes are Enhanced when Individuals are Autonomously Motivated or Fulfilled (Life Sciences Complex 105)

Not lost in translation: A dyadic model of motivation and responsiveness accuracy (Benjamin Hadden)

Don’t encroach and I’m yours: Partners’ autonomy-sensitive behaviors facilitate highly avoidant individuals’ autonomy, and thus their commitment (Yuthika Girme)

Who can’t get no satisfaction? Causality orientations predict experiences of sexual interactions (Camilla Overup)

Chair: Benjamin Hadden

Rejection, Conflict, and Violence: Communication and Transmission (Life Sciences Complex 106)

Exposure to parental partner violence in childhood: Implications for adult romantic relationships (Andrea Roach)

Mobile communication technologies and relational conflict: An observational study of serial arguments (John Caughlin)
Violence with no measure: Community-sample perceptions inform creation of a quantitative assessment of technologically-mediated abuse (Jessica Eckstein)

Conceptualizing rejection in mobile dating apps (Chad Van De Wiele)

Chair: John Caughlin

Managing, Maintaining, and Evaluating Relationships (Life Sciences Complex 011)

Love, distance and a future together: How do long-distance couples manage the fragile balance of intimacy and distance? (Markus Klingel)

Plan a date!: Self-expanding relationship activities and the role of approach relationship goals (Deanna Walker)

Daily implementations of pro-partner behaviors: Preliminary evidence from experience-sampling study (SiSi Li)

Foraging for love: Predicting relationship dissolution through ratings of dyadic quality (Samantha Cohen)

Chair: Sara Branch

9:45a-10:00a  Transition and Coffee

10:00a-11:15a  Sessions

Relationship Receptivity: On Desiring and Being Ready for Commitment (Life Sciences Complex 105)

Relationship receptivity theory (Christopher Agnew)

Commitment desirability (Kenneth Tan)

Commitment readiness (Benjamin Hadden)

Antecedents of commitment readiness and desirability (Christopher Agnew)

Chair: Christopher Agnew

Attachment Processes: Benefits of Touch, Self-compassion, and Security Goals (Life Sciences Complex 106)

Presence of an attachment figure is associated with greater sensitivity to physical pain following mild social exclusion (Geoff MacDonald)

Relationship-protective properties of insecurity: Attachment anxiety, security-regulation goals, and pro-relationship behavior (Nadya Teneva)

Security based differences in the benefits of touch (Cheryl Carmichael)

The interplay between self-compassion, attachment security, and relational attributions on marital satisfaction (Hilal Terzi)

Chair: Geoff MacDonald

Trust and Social Support (Life Sciences Complex 011)
Sometimes the truth hurts: How interpersonal trust and feedback messages impact relational outcomes (Lance Bennett)

Gender differences in predictors of spousal support among men and women with recent PTSD (Brittany Shields)

From self-reflection to social-reflection: Processes distinguishing adaptive versus maladaptive social support (David Lee)

Development and validation of a measure of motives for interpersonal emotion regulation (Nicole Hilaire)

Chair: David Lee

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Infidelity’s aftermath: Appraisals, mental health, and health-compromising behaviors (M. Rosie Shrout)

Infidelity as a trauma: Empirical research linking infidelity experience and posttraumatic stress symptoms (Victoria Willetts)

The lost love and the pursuit of alternatives: A Facebook case study (Irum Abbasi)

Emotional responses of infidelity partners (Dana Weiser)

Chair: Dana Weiser

2:45p-3:00p Transition and Coffee

3:00p-4:15p Sessions

Interdependence Perspectives on Interpersonal Trust (Life Sciences Complex 105)

Is their lack of trust really unwarranted? How self-esteem predicts partner responsiveness (Joanne Wood)

Interdependent relationships and attachment security enhancement (Ximena Arriaga)

Trust and responsiveness in strain-test situations: A dyadic perspective (Jeff Simpson)

Recovery from relationship transgressions: Integrating interpersonal motivation and posttraumatic growth (Amy Canevello)

Chair: Edward Lemay and Nadya Teneva

Balancing and Coordination: Personal Goals in Relational Contexts (Life Sciences Complex 106)

We are both working! What will be the destiny of our relationship? (Burcu Ozguluk)

Time, money, or kids? Predictors of the division of household labour across life stages (Rebecca Horne)

Accuracy and bias in perceptions of a romantic partner’s goal progress (Judith Gere)

Perceived ease of goal coordination in close relationships (Jane Mang Yan Fung)

Chair: Judith Gere

Life Stories: Family, Communication, and Attitudes (Life Sciences Complex 011)

Backstory communication and the power of personal experience within interpersonal relationships (Haley Vellinga)
The role of family-of-origin variables on risk taking behaviors of Turkish emerging adults (Mustafa Alperen Kursuncu)

The role of parent gender and gender attitudes on infant gendering (Diana Jenkins)

Consensual nonmonogamy: Assessing negative attitudes (Mark Moss)

Chair: Natalie Pennington

4:15p-4:30p  Transition and Coffee
4:30p-5:30p  Keynote by Marianne Dainton - Interdependence and Relational Maintenance (Life Sciences Complex 001)
5:30p-9:30p  Reception (Flaum Grand Hall, Whitman)

Sunday June 25, 2017

8:00a-8:30a  Breakfast (Milton Atrium, Life Sciences Complex)
8:30a-9:45a  Sessions

Relationships in Transition (Life Sciences Complex 106)

Cognitive information seeking and relationship awareness during the early stages of relationship development (Bret Davis)

Associations between couple relationship quality and coparenting during the transition to parenthood: Micro and macro perspectives (Yunying Le)

Taking the plunge: Newlyweds’ accounts of their decision to marry (Lauren Shapiro)

Chair: Stan Treger

Commitment and Satisfaction: Different Perspectives (Life Sciences Complex 105)

Impact of past and planned investments on dual-career couples’ commitment (Burcu Ozguluk)

Impact of rewards and costs from partners on individuals’ commitment: The mediating role of satisfaction (Stanley Gaines)

Relationship commitment and romantic advice seeking: Own and outsider perspectives (Ezgi Besikci)

Intimacy, passion, commitment, and reported marital quality in love and arranged marriage (Sharon Flicker)

Chair: Stanley Gaines

9:45a-10:00a  Transition and Coffee
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Family, Friends, and Social Networks (Life Sciences Complex 105)
Social integration and self-esteem: The influence of “weak ties” in mid- and later life (Jeffrey Stokes)

Transferring connections: Friend and sibling relationships in the lives of singles (Claudia Brumbaugh)

Dyadic networks: Understanding and describing the changes in the local network following the removal of significant relationships (Michael Penta)

Couple types on thoughts about marriage and divorce and associations with overall and daily relationship quality (Mi Kyoung Jin)

Chair: Claudia Brumbaugh

Perceiving Attraction and Responsiveness: Context and Consequences (Life Sciences Complex 106)

Perceptions of first date success (Marisa Cohen)

Emoji as indicators of perceived responsiveness in text messages (Maureen Coyle)

You haven’t been on my mind lately: Partner responsiveness mediates the link between attachment insecurities and dyadic fantasies (Moran Mizrahi)

Courtship then and now (Melissa LaBuda)

Chair: Marisa Cohen

Stresses and Strains: Health and Fitness Perspectives (Life Sciences Complex 011)

Stressed out: The daily benefits of exercise and maintenance in romantic relationships (Jaclyn Theisen)

Validation of a relationship sense of coherence measure (Bret Davis)

Cardiac-disease-induced-PTSD (CDI-PTSD): A dyadic perspective (Noa Vilchinsky)

I love myself(ie): An arts-based investigation of fitness identity (Marissa Wiley)

Chair: Stan Treger
Important Locations