

## Matthew Erxleben

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### Education

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#### Ph.D. in Communication

The Ohio State University  
Dissertation: Media Co-Use in Dyadic Relationships  
Advisor: Jesse Fox, Ph.D.

Expected 2025  
Columbus, OH

#### M.A. in Applied Communication Theory and Methodology

Cleveland State University  
Thesis: Play Together: How Watching the Cooperative Play of Violent  
Video Games Can Positively Influence Dyadic Relationships  
Advisor: Anup Kumar, Ph.D.

2021  
Cleveland, OH

#### Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics

Pennsylvania State University

2019  
Online

#### Bachelor of Science in Psychology

The Ohio State University

2017  
Columbus, OH

### Research Interests

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- Media co-use and its effects on relationships
- Computer-mediated communication
- Media effects
- Interpersonal communication
- Quantitative methodology

### Teaching Interests

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- Research methods and study design
- Quantitative analysis
- Media effects
- Interpersonal communication
- Computer-mediated communication

### Publications

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- Lynch, T., **Erxleben, M. R.**, & Perreault, G. P. (2024). Threat and enhancement: Strength of gamer identity moderates affective response to messages about gaming. *Journal of Media Psychology*, 36(2), 79-92. <https://doi.org/10.1027/1864-1105/a000382>
- Lynch, T., Dooley, A., & **Erxleben, M. R.** (In press). Examining how sex appeal cues and strength cues influence impressions of female video game characters. *Communication Research*.

## **Presentations**

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- **Erxleben, M.,** & Fox, J. (2024, November). *Theories and models predicting communication channel selection: A scoping review and synthesis*. To be presented at the 110th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- **Erxleben, M.,** Lynch, T., Coutts, J., & Brinberg, M. (2024, November). *The effect of cooperative and competitive joint video game play on feelings of interpersonal attraction*. To be presented at the 110th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- **Erxleben, M.,** & Lynch, T. (2024, June) *Measures as mechanisms: An experimental comparison of two measures of group homogeneity*. Paper presented at the 74th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Gold Coast, Australia.
- **Erxleben, M. R.,** Dooley, A., & Lynch, T. (2023, November) *Formidable, not feminine: An experimental test of female video game character depictions and player perceptions*. Paper presented at the 109th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, National Harbor, MD.
- Lynch, T., **Erxleben, M. R.,** & Perreault, G. P. (2022, November). *Gamer identity exhibits characteristics of other social identities*. Paper presented at the 108th Annual Conference of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Jiang, T., **Erxleben, M.,** & Crocker, J. (2017, January). *Being supportive to others makes people strive for growth: The association between compassionate goals and growth seeking*. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.

## **Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer**

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- *Psychology of Violence*

## **Conference Reviewer**

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- National Communication Association 2021 – Present
- International Communication Association 2023 – Present

## **Teaching Experience**

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**The Ohio State University** 2021 – Present

Independent Instructor

- History of Communication Technology and its Influence (Online)
- Violence in Media and Society (Online)

Lab Instructor

- Research Design and Analysis

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Communication Theory (Online)
- History of Communication Technology and its Influence (Online)
- Mass Communication (Online)
- Violence in Media and Society (Online)
- Sports and Stereotypes in Mass Media (Online)

**Cleveland State University**

2018 – 2020

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Communication Theory
- Introduction to Journalism (Online)
- Persuasive Communication and Attitude Change

**Skills**

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- Statistics Packages: SPSS, R, JASP, SAS, HLM

**Memberships and Affiliations**

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- National Communication Association 2021 – Present
- International Communication Association 2023 – Present