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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016-present: Professor, School of Communication, Ohio State University

2016-present: Faculty Affiliate, Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy, College of Education and Human Ecology, Ohio State University

2004-2016: Associate Professor, School of Communication, Ohio State University

2000-2004: Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, Ohio State University.

1998-2000: Lecturer, Department of Communication, University of California-Santa Barbara.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 1998, Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dissertation: "The immediate and cumulative effects of television mediation on children's aggression" (recipient of National Communication Association's 1999 Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Dissertation Award).

M.A., 1994, Communication, University of Delaware. Thesis: "The consequences of mothers' regulative communication strategies for children's social cognition, motivation, and loneliness: An analysis of indirect effects."

B.A., 1992, Psychology and Philosophy, Emory University.

RESEARCH

Publications:

Nathanson, A. I., & Brinberg, M. (in press). Digital communication in parent-emerging adult relationships: Balancing autonomy and connection. *Emerging Adulthood*.

Gomes, L., & Nathanson, A. I. (under contract). The moderating role of parental and peer mediation. In M. Krcmar & D. Cingel (Ed.), *Research Handbook on Media and Youth in the Digital Age*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

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- Nathanson, A. I. (2021). Sleep and technology in early childhood. *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, 30, 15-26
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- Martins, N., Mares, M. L., & Nathanson, A. I. (2019). Mixed Messages: Inconsistent Parental Mediation Indirectly Predicts Teens' Online Relational Aggression. *Journal of Family Communication*, 19, 311-328.
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- Nathanson, A. I., & Beyens, I. (2018). Mobile electronic devices and sleep quality among preschoolers. *Behavioral Sleep Medicine*, 16, 202-219.
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- Nathanson, A. I., & Beyens, I. (2017). The role of sleep in the relation between young children's mobile media use and effortful control. *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*, *36*, 1-21.
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- Aladé, F., & Nathanson, A. I. (2016). What preschoolers bring to the show: The relation between viewer characteristics and children's learning from educational TV. *Media Psychology*, *19*, 406-430.
- Beyens, I., Eggermont, S., & Nathanson, A. I. (2016). Understanding the relationship between mothers' attitudes and children's television exposure: Reciprocal patterns and the moderating role of maternal stress. *Media Psychology*, *19*, 638-665.
- Nathanson, A. I. (2015). Media and the family: Reflections and future directions. Invited commentary to a special issue on media and the family in the *Journal of Children and Media*, *9*, 133-139.
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- Nathanson, A. I., Aladé, F., Sharp, M. L., Rasmussen, E. E., & Christy, K. (2014). The relation between television exposure and executive function among preschoolers. *Developmental Psychology*, *50*, 1497-1506.
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- Nathanson, A. I., Sharp, M. L., Aladé, F., Rasmussen, E. E., & Christy, K. (2013). The relation between television exposure and theory of mind among preschoolers. *Journal of Communication*, *63*(6), 1088-1108.
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- you see what I see? Comparing parent and child reports of parental monitoring of children's media. *Family Relations*, 61, 470-487.
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- Nathanson, A. I. (1999). Identifying and explaining the relationship between parental mediation and children's aggression. *Communication Research*, 26, 124-143.
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- Nathanson, A. I. (1996). Sandra J. Ball-Rokeach. In N. Signorielli (Ed.), *Women in communication: A biographical sourcebook* (pp. 8-19). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press
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Grants:

- 2024: National Institute of Child Health and human Development: Co-Principal Investigator, with R. Dore (PI), L.M. Justice, H. Jiang, and S. J. Tucker, Ohio State University. "Efficacy and mechanisms of media and storybook interventions to promote children's early literacy skills via caregiver engagement." Amount: \$1,582, 259.00 Award #: R01HD114687. Award period: 9.5.24 – 8.31.29.
- 2023: National Science Foundation: Co-Principal Investigator, with R. Dore (PI), L.M. Justice, and H. Jiang, Ohio State University. "Characteristics of Media Use and Linguistics Trajectories during Early Childhood." Amount: \$650,000.00. Award #: 2235083. Award period: 7.1.23 - 6.30.27
- 2019: Collaborative Seed Grant Award: (Co-Principal Investigator, with A. Bonus, T. Lynch, S. Kline, and G. Read): "Communicating Gender through Depictions of Careers in Children's Media." School of Communication, Ohio State University, \$49,943 (2019-2021)
- 2011: Miller Research Award: "Background and Foreground Television Exposure Among Infants." School of Communication, Ohio State University, \$12,000 (2011-2013).
- 2010: Gunther, C., Eastridge, M., Kaye, G., Nathanson, A. I., & Shertzer, J. A. "Promoting Dairy Calcium Intake in College Students through Access to On-Campus Milk Vending Machines." Funding agency: American Dairy Association Mideast. Funding period: March 15, 2010-February 28, 2012. Amount: \$20,000.
- 2001: University Seed Grant: "Preventing media effects: The role of mediation in youngsters' reactions to traditional and newer media." College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University, \$20,000 (2001-2002).

2001: Miller Research Award: “Cognitive and affective approaches to active mediation of violent television.” School of Journalism and Communication, Ohio State University \$7,550 (2001-2002).

2001: Small Grant (Co-Principal Investigator, with Prabu David): “Parents, children, and cancer information.” College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University, \$1,000 (2001-2002).

SELECTED AWARDS

2023: ICA Fellow, elected

2018: Top 2 Faculty Paper, Children, Adolescents, and Media Division, International Communication Association (with I. Beyens).

2015: Top (#1) Student-Led Paper, Children, Adolescents, and Media Division, International Communication Association (with I. Beyens and S. Eggermont).

2014: Top (#1) Faculty Paper, Mass Communication Division, National Communication Association (with P. Fries).

2013: Top 3 Faculty Paper, Children, Adolescents, and Media Division, International Communication Association (with M. Sharp, F. Alade, E. Rasmussen, and K. Christy).

2011: Distinguished Scientific Contribution to Media Psychology Award, Media Psychology Division, American Psychological Association.

2005: Young Scholar Award, for “outstanding early career research,” International Communication Association.

2005: Top 4 Faculty Paper, Instructional and Developmental Communication Division, International Communication Association (with M. Yang).

2003: Top 3 Faculty Paper, Instructional and Developmental Communication Division, International Communication Association.

2002: Top 3 Faculty Paper, Instructional and Developmental Communication Division, International Communication Association (with M. Yang).

2001: Top 3 Faculty Paper, Instructional and Developmental Communication Division, International Communication Association.

2000: Top 3 Faculty Paper, Mass Communication Division, International Communication Association.

1999: Top 3 Faculty Paper, Mass Communication Division, International Communication Association.

1999: Top 3 Faculty Paper, Instructional and Developmental Communication Division, International Communication Association (with J. Cantor).

1999: Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Dissertation Award, National Communication Association (across all divisions).