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SUMMARY

- Subject expertise: *political communication, social technology, trust, misinformation*
- Methodological expertise: *network science, computational social science, survey research*
- PI: *Civic Health and Institutions Project* (chip50.org)
- PI: *Covid States Project* (covidstates.org)
- PI: *National AI Opinion Monitor* (naiom.net)
- Director: *Rutgers Computational Social Science Lab* (csslab.rutgers.edu)

EMPLOYMENT

School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University

Associate Professor

2021–Present

Assistant Professor

2015–2021

Lazer Lab, Northeastern University

Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2013–2015

USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

Instructor, Graduate Assistant

2008–2013

Economedia Publishing Group, Verlagsgruppe Handelsblatt

Journalist, Visual Editor

2000–2007

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Ph.D. in Communication

2013

University of Southern California

M.A. in Communication

2010

University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski"

M.A. in Virtual Culture

2006

University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski"

B.Sc. in Computer Science

2003

HONORS & AWARDS

- AAPOR Mitofsky Innovators Award, **2025**
American Association for Public Opinion Research
(with the Civic Health and Institutions Project)
- Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program Nominee, **2024**
Rutgers University
- Distinguished Achievement in Research Award, **2023**
Department of Communication,
Rutgers University
- Top 4 Papers Award, **2019**
Mass Communication Division,
International Communication Association (ICA)
- Distinguished Achievement in Teaching Award, **2019**
Department of Communication,
Rutgers University
- Dissertation Award, **2013**
Mass Communication & Society Division,
Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC)
- Top Paper Award, **2012**
Political Communication Division,
National Communication Association (NCA)
- First Place Award in Social Science, **2010**
Graduate and Professional Studies Symposium Poster Competition,
University of Southern California
(with Chen, N.-T. N., Ball-Rokeach, S. J., & Parks, M.)
- IGI Global Excellence in Research Award, **2010**
IJEP Best Published Journal Article for 2010
- Carolyn Dexter Award Nominee, **2010**
Organizational Communication & Information Systems Division,
Academy of Management
(with Huang, M., Huang, Y., Margolin, D., Shen, C., & Contractor, N.)
- Annenberg Annual Research and Creative Project Symposium Award, **2009–2013**
Annenberg Graduate Fellowship Program,
University of Southern California

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Fellow at the FCC with the Consortium on Media Policy Studies **2012**
- Oxford Internet Institute Summer Doctoral Program, Oxford University **2011**
- Annenberg Graduate Fellow, University of Southern California **2007–2012**
- Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski" **1999–2002**

PUBLICATIONS

Note: published reports are listed in [Appendix A](#) (p.26), conference presentations in [Appendix B](#) (p.37).

* Asterisk indicates that a co-author was a student when the research was conducted.

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BOOK CHAPTERS

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INVITED TALKS

- Ognyanova, K.** (2025). *False beliefs in unusual times: The role of trust, technology, and social ties*. Invited talk, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2024). *False beliefs in an uncertain environment: The role of trust, technology, and social ties*. Invited talk, Annenberg Research Seminar, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2024). *Misperceptions in health and politics: The role of trust, networks, and digital platforms*. Invited talk, Computational Social Science Speaker Series, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2024). *The role of networks in evaluating and correcting political information*. Invited talk, Center for Information Networks and Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2024). *Trust, misperceptions, and the role of digital platforms*. Invited talk, Translational Data Analytics Institute, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2024). *Science trust and distrust in America*. Trust in science: Understanding trends and implications for science communication. Invited talk, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC.
- Ognyanova, K., & Hallman, W.** (2024). *FDA online presence and public attention to food recalls*. Invited talk, Food Recall Modernization, FDA and Alliance to Stop Foodborne Illness, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2024). *Computational methods and information networks*. Invited talk, Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICSS) at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2024). *False beliefs in an uncertain environment: The role of trust in science and partisanship*. Invited talk, Misinformation speaker series, Network Science Institute at Northeastern University & Shorenstein Center at Harvard University, Boston, MA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2023). *The role of trust and technology in health information consumption and behavior*. Invited talk, Center for Applied Network Analysis, University of Southern California, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2023). *Teams and collaboration during a pandemic*. Invited talk, New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2022). *Misinformation and trust in institutions*. Invited talk, Summer Institute for Computational Social Science (SICSS) at the University of Pennsylvania, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2022). *COVID-19 Misinformation, public attitudes, and institutional trust*. Invited talk, US Surgeon General Roundtable on COVID-19 misinformation, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2022). *Networked public trust and misinformation*. Invited talk, Center for Social Data Analytics, Pennsylvania State University, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Trust in science and medicine: Politics, misinformation, and health attitudes*. Invited talk, Rebuilding Public Trust in Biomedical Science & Research Webinar, National Academy of Medicine, conducted online.

- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Online misinformation: Political implications, health outcomes, and pathways to social correction*. Invited talk, Understanding Misinformation and Disinformation Webinar, Tufts University, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Network analysis: Insights for policy and foreign affairs*. Invited talk, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). Invited panelist, Health Misinformation Roundtable, National Journal, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Network visualization and academic storytelling*. Invited talk, DEVI group, University of Toulouse, France, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). Invited panelist, *Bridging disciplinary divides for behaviorally modulated mathematical models in human epidemiology*. NSF-sponsored workshop, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Networked information and misinformation about COVID-19*. Invited talk, Moody College of Communication, University of Texas at Austin, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Misinformation, networks, and academic storytelling*. Invited talk, Georgia State University and University at Buffalo, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Information, communication, and misinformation*. Invited participant, NSF Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention (PIPP) Human Workshop, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Network approaches to misinformation evaluation and correction*. Invited talk, Psychology of Media and Technology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Conference, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *COVID-19 vaccines: Social groups and messaging challenges*. Ongoing and Emerging Challenges Regarding Effective Communication about COVID-19 Vaccination. Invited talk, Rutgers Science Communication Initiative, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2020). *Misinformation in times of uncertainty: predictors and consequences*. Invited talk, IQB Communication (Mis)Information Working Group, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2019). *Network analysis and visualization*. Invited talk, US Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General, Washington, DC.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2018). *Network analysis and visualization with R*. Invited talk, SatRdays: An R user conference, Washington, DC.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2017). *Networks and network visualization with R*. Invited talk, Davidson College, Davidson, NC.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2015). *Visualizing communication: Numbers, networks, and the road to open science*. Invited talk, Visualizing Digital Data: Symposium on Digital Culture, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2013). *Thinking with networks*. Invited talk, Boston Data Day Skill-a-thon, Boston, MA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2012). *Critical information needs of the American public*. Research Design Meeting for the Multi-Market Study of Critical Information Needs, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Communications Business Opportunities (OCBO), Washington, DC.

Friedland, L. A., Napoli, P. M., **Ognyanova, K.**, Weil, C., & Wilson III, E. J. (2012). *Critical information needs of the American public*. Public presentation, discussion, and briefing for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Washington, DC.

Ognyanova, K., Gonzalez, C., & Ball-Rokeach, S. J. (2012). *Defining diversity: A communication ecology approach*. Invited talk, Redefining Diversity in a Digital Age Forum, Los Angeles, CA.

Ognyanova, K. (2011). *Network data representation and visualization, tools and techniques*. Invited talk, Annenberg Networks Network, Los Angeles, CA.

Ball-Rokeach, S. J., **Ognyanova, K.**, & Villanueva, G. (2010). *Metamorphosis: Research in action*. Invited talk, Art Center College of Design, Los Angeles, CA.

Ognyanova, K., Shen, C., & O'Brien, N. (2009). *NanoHub: Longitudinal network analysis*. Invited talk, VOSS Meeting, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

WORKSHOPS

Ognyanova, K. (2025). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Ognyanova, K. (2025). *Computational Social Science: Principles and examples*. Doctoral Student Colloquium Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Ognyanova, K. (2024). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the INSNA Sunbelt International Network Science Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Ognyanova, K. (2024). *Introduction to network analysis*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL.

Ognyanova, K. (2023). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the INSNA Sunbelt International Network Science Conference, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K. (2023). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, conducted online.

Shugars, S., & **Ognyanova, K.** (2023). *Computational methods*. Workshop at the Organizational Communication Mini Conference (OCMC), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Ognyanova, K. (2022). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the INSNA Sunbelt International Network Science Conference, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K. (2022). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K. (2021). *Introduction to network analysis*. Three-day workshop at Social ComQuant, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K. (2021). *Network analysis and visualization with application to Twitter data*. Three-day workshop at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), conducted online.

- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Basic and advanced network visualization with R*. Workshop at Networks 2021, a joint INSNA Sunbelt and NetSci Conference, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2021). *Advanced network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2020). *Network concepts and network analysis in R*. Workshop at the Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS), conducted online.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2019). *Advanced network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Durham, NC.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2019). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the INSNA Sunbelt International Network Science Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2018). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the INSNA North American Network Science Conference, Washington, DC.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2018). *Advanced network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2018). *Network analysis with igraph*. Workshop for the Ottawa Graph Meetup Group, Ottawa, Canada.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2018). *Introduction to R for networks*. Workshop at the School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2017). *Advanced network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Columbus, OH.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2017). *Basic and advanced network visualization with R*. Workshop at the INSNA North American Network Science Conference, Washington, DC.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *Network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *Basic and advanced network visualization with R*. Workshop at the INSNA Sunbelt International Network Science Conference, Newport Beach, CA.
- Ognyanova, K., & Chu, K-H.** (2016). *Basic and advanced network visualization with Gephi*. Workshop at the INSNA Sunbelt International Network Science Conference, Newport Beach, CA.
- Radford, J., & **Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *Designing online experiments: Citizen science approaches to research*. Workshop at the ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW), San Francisco, CA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *Network analysis with R and igraph*. Workshop at the NetSciX International Network Science Conference, Wroclaw, Poland.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2015). *Static and dynamic network visualization with R*. Workshop at the Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Portland, OR.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2014). *Network visualization with Gephi*. Workshop at the NULab for Texts, Maps, and Networks, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL

- Empowering local journalism with low-cost local and state-level surveys* **2024**
 Role: Co-I. With D. Lazer & J. Wihbey. Funded by the Knight Foundation.
 Amount: \$52,000.
- State Health, Institutions, and Politics Survey (SHIPS)* **2023**
 Role: PI. With J. Druckman, D. Lazer, & M. Baum. Funded by NSF (SES-2241886).
 Amount: \$920,000 (\$288,712 at Rutgers).
- U.S. institutions after COVID-19: Trust, accountability, and public perceptions* **2021**
 Role: PI. With J. Druckman, D. Lazer, & M. Baum. Funded by NSF (SES-2116631).
 Amount: \$450,000 (\$159,575 at Rutgers).
- Multi-Wave 50-State COVID-19 Survey: Empowering a National Response* **2020**
 Role: PI. With M. Baum & D. Lazer. Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation.
 Amount: \$50,000.
- RAPID: Relationships, social distancing, social media and the spread of COVID-19* **2020**
 Role: PI. Funded by NSF (SES-2029292).
 Amount: \$117,340.
- Auditing Google searches during the election of 2018* **2018–2019**
 Role: Co-I. With D. Lazer & C. Wilson. Funded by the Democracy Fund.
 Amount: \$40,000.

INTERNAL

- National AI Public Opinion Monitor* **2025**
 Role: PI. With V. Singh.
 Funded by Rutgers SC&I Grants for Team-based Faculty Research.
 Amount: \$25,000.
- A longitudinal analysis of social networks and patient-reported outcomes in adolescent and young adult cancer survivors* **2024**
 Role: Co-I. With K. Darabos & K. Devine. Funded by Cancer Institute of New Jersey.
 Amount: \$50,000.
- Computational Social Science Lab* **2023**
 Role: PI. With T. Ammari, S. Fu, K. Garimella, S. Jhaver, S. Shugars, V. Singh, M. Weber
 Funded by Rutgers SC&I Grants for Team-based Faculty Research.
 Amount: \$14,000.
- Experimental Design and the Study of Social Networks* **2015**
 Role: PI. Rutgers SC&I Research Development Grant. Amount: \$3,630.
- Annenberg Summer Research Grant* **2008–2011**
 Role: PI. Funded by the USC Annenberg School. Amount: \$4,000/year.

TEACHING

Course instructor

Rutgers University, School of Communication and Information

- 04:192:305 – **Introduction to Social Media** (BA level) **2015–2017**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.2/5.
Size: 25 students. Taught: x3.
- 04:192:354 – **Communication and Technology** (BA level) **2016–2025**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.5/5.
Size: 85 students. Taught: x18.
- 04:192:373 – **Social Network Analysis** (BA level) **2024–2026**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.6/5.
Size: 25 students. Taught: x3.
- 04:189:220 – **Data in Context** (BA level) **2022**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.8/5.
Size: 25 students. Taught: x1.
Co-instructor: Caitlin Petre.
- 17:194:512 – **Mediated Communication** (MA level) **2016–2024**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.5/5.
Size: 30 students. Taught: x5.
- 17:194:534 – **Organizational Communication Networks** (MA level) **2019**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.0/5.
Size: 5-10 students. Taught: x1.
- 16:194:633 – **Mediated Communication** (PhD level) **2018–2023**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 5.0/5.
Size: 5-10 students. Taught: x4.
- 16:194:671 – **Computational Social Science** (PhD level) **2021–2026**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.9/5.
Size: 10-15 students. Taught: x3.
- 16:194:672 – **Pandemic Policy and Public Opinion** (PhD level) **2022**
Average teaching effectiveness score: 4.8/5.
Size: 5-10 students. Taught: x1.
- 01:090:101 – **Byrne seminar: Social and Organizational Networks** (BA level) **2021**
Size: 25 students. Taught: x1.
Co-instructor: Sophia Fu.

USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

- CMGT 540 – **Uses of Communication Research** (MA level) **2010**

Guest lectures

2010–2025

- 04:189:101 – Honors Seminar, Rutgers University (x3)
- 04:192:446 – Communication and Social Change, Rutgers University

- 16:194:601 – Communication, Information, and Media, Rutgers University (x5)
- 16:194:605 – Critical Research Methods, Rutgers University
- 16:194:623 – Research Design, Rutgers University (x4)
- 16:194:673 – Organizational Communication Networks, Rutgers University (x2)
- 16:194:675 – Understanding, Designing and Building Social Media, Rutgers University (x2)
- 17:610:596 – Community Engagement, Rutgers University
- COMM 204 – Public Speaking, USC Annenberg (x2)
- COMM 618 – Media Effects, USC Annenberg
- COMM 620 – Research Practice and Social Change, USC Annenberg
- ACOM 378 – Studies in Public Persuasion: Ethnic Media, University at Albany
- HIS 207 – Computational Methods in History, Davidson College
- ANT 291 – Social Networks and Social Media, Davidson College
- JOUR 8990 – Social Network Analysis and Media, University of Minnesota
- COMM 352 – Social Network Analysis, Northwestern University
- COMM 861 – Advanced Research and Project Development, American University (x2)

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Rutgers University: Doctoral Dissertation Committees

- Eunbin Ha (in progress)
The dual-process model of AI trust dynamics: Toward the expansion of affective dimension in human-AI interaction
- Yunhee Shim (in progress)
Exploring content creators' adoption of moderation strategies to address online harms
- Afrooz Mosallaei (in progress)
Navigating climate change news: Exploring platformization of climate-related news on Instagram
- Eiman Ahmed (2025)
Examining and understanding psychosocial well-being in the digital age: A data-centric perspective
- Arpita Jindani (2025)
Integrating health equity and lived-experiences: Communication practices in US-based health philanthropies to advance social justice
- Melanie Kwestel (2025)
What we have here is a failure to collaborate: Collective action, collaboration, and misinformation in the New Jersey anti-wind community
- Luxuan Wang (2023)
Cultivating perceptions: Exploring the influence of news media on perceived polarization

- Allyson Bontempo (2023)
Exploring the medical interactions of patients with difficult-to-diagnose or uncertain illnesses
- Katie Park (2022)
Design interventions to reduce online incivility
- Soumik Mandal (2020)
Clarifying users' information need in conversational information retrieval
- Isha Ghosh (2020)
Social interventions to reduce the privacy paradox
- Souvick Ghosh (2020)
Exploring cognitive functionalities of spoken conversation systems
- Inyoung Shin (2019)
The cost of awareness on individual wellbeing: Assessing communication technology usage and its relationship to network awareness
- Teis Kristensen (2019)
Overcoming knowledge sharing boundaries in organizations: An examination of a software company
- Allie Kosterich (2017)
Rapid institutional change, professional journalists and the rise of the news nerd

External Member: Doctoral Dissertation Committees

- Alexi Quintana-Mathé, Network Science, Northeastern University (in progress)
From followers to close ties: Homophily in population level social networks
- Nicholas Rabb, Computer Science, Tufts University (2024)
Modeling media influence on the formation of polarized, misinformed attitudes
- Abraham Israeli, Computer Science, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (2024)
Multi-modal approaches for modeling the dynamics of online communities
- Ronald Robertson, Network Science, Northeastern University (2020)
An interdisciplinary examination of partisanship in web search

Rutgers University: Qualifying Exam Committees

- Sudhamshu Hosamane: *Collective Intelligence* (2025)
- Kateryna Bystrytska: *Social Media and Politics* (2025)
- Mingwei Shen: *Computational Social Science* (2025)
- Eunbin Ha: *AI Trust and Misinformation* (2024)
- Arpita Jindani: *Computational and Qualitative Methods* (2023)
- Yehuda Perry: *Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence* (2023)
- Eiman Ahmed: *Social Network Analysis* (2023)

- Shravan Regret Iyer: *Science Communication and Media* (2022)
- Luxuan Wang: *Information Crisis and Online Public Space* (2021)
- Maria Kukhareva: *Online Organizing and Social Media* (2021)
- Hajar Shirley: *Communication and Technology* (2021)
- Kevin Wang: *Communication and Technology* (2020)
- Katie Park: *Communication and Technology* (2020)
- Melanie Kwestel: *Online Protest Movements* (2020)
- Xizi Ru: *Communication and Technology* (2019)
- Soumik Mandal: *Social Network Analysis* (2018)
- Isha Ghosh: *Design of Networked Interventions* (2018)
- Teis Kristensen: *Computational Social Science in Organizations* (2017)
- Allie Kosterich: *Media Institutions and Digital Labor* (2016)

Rutgers University: Independent Studies & Practicums

- Yi Zhao (in progress)
- Emma Hackbarth: Design Justice Fellow, AI systems – undergraduate level (2025)
- Eunbin Ha: AI and misinformation assessment – graduate level (2024)
- Luxuan Wang: Online news exposure and misinformation – graduate level (2020)
- Melanie Kwestel: Online humor during a global pandemic – graduate level (2020)
- Sonya Gande: Social media, gender, and politics – undergraduate level (2020)
- Xizi Ru: Statistical data analysis using R – graduate level (2019)
- Maria Kukhareva: Communication and technology – graduate level (2019)
- Soumik Mandal: Network analysis of social media data – graduate level (2018)
- Souvick Ghosh: Network analysis of social media data – graduate level (2018)
- Emily Orr: Network experiments and citizen science – undergraduate level (2016)

SERVICE: RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Rutgers University: Research Groups

- Director: Computational Social Science Lab (2023–present)
- Member: NetSCI Network Science Lab (2015–present)
- Member: Social Media & Society Cluster (2015–present)
- Member: Institute for Quantitative Biomedicine COVID-19 (Mis)Information Group (2020–2023)
- Leader: Computational Communication Research Group (2017–2020)

Rutgers University: Department of Communication

- Member: Doctoral Program Curriculum Committee (2025)
- Peer mentor: Sarah Shugars (2023–2025) and Jianing Li (2024–2025)
- Member: AI Curriculum Development Ad Hoc Committee (2024–2025)
- Member: Faculty Search Committee, Organizational Communication (2024–2025)
- Chair: Faculty Search Committee, Data Science & Technology (2023–2024)
- Member: Faculty Search Committee, Data Science and Organizing (2021–2022)
- Member: Faculty Search Committee, Organizational Communication (2019–2020)
- Member: Faculty Search Committee, Communication and Technology (2016–2017)
- Advisor: Lambda Pi Eta communication honor society (2017–2021)
- Member: Communication Research Committee (2015–2016)

Rutgers University: School of Communication and Information

- Member: Appointment and Promotion Committee (2024–2025)
- Facilitator: SC&I Scholarly Incubator (2024)
- Member: Data Equity Initiative Steering Committee (2023–present)
- Member: Appointment and Promotion Committee (2023–2024)
- Member: Appointment and Promotion Committee (2021–2022)
- Member: Master of Communication & Media Program Executive Committee (2019–present)
- Member: SC&I Building, Programming, and Design Steering Committee (2018–present)
- Member: SC&I Web Committee (2016–present)
- Member: Data Science and Social Systems Working Group (2016–2017)

Rutgers University: University-level service

- Member and rolling chair: Chancellor Finance & Business Strategy Committee (2025 – present)
- Cluster champion: Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Cluster (2023–present)
- Member: CASS Cyberinfrastructure and AI for Science and Society (2023–present)
- Member: Data Science Program and Curriculum Committee (2023–present)
- Member: Provost Strategic Taskforce on Cyberinfrastructure and Data Science (2022–2023)
- Member: Data Science Undergraduate Program Steering Committee (2021–2022)
- Member: Data Science Undergraduate Program Working Group (2020–2023)
- Member: Office of Advanced Research Computing Faculty Advisory Committee (2018–present)
- Member: University TA/GA Grievance Committee Pool (2017–2019)

Rutgers University: Panel participation

- Panelist: Teaching in the AI Era, SC&I Teaching Incubator (2025)
- Panelist: Labs and clusters at SC&I, PhD Recruitment Day (2024)
- Panelist: Computational Social Science Lab Panel, SC&I PhD Colloquium (2023)
- Panelist: Grants & Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Collaborative Grants (2021)
- Panel moderator: Strategic Communication on the Job Market, OCMC Conference (2018)
- Idea Leader: Data Science, Rutgers Research Ideation Forum (2018)
- Panelist: Information Ecologies Panel, SC&I Post-Truth Scholarly Incubator (2017)
- Panelist: Social Media Cluster Panel, SC&I PhD Colloquium (2016, 2018)
- Panelist: Academic Job Search Panel, SC&I PhD Colloquium (2016)

Rutgers University: Workshop participation

- Participant: AI in Teaching: Transformative Tools & Challenges (2024)
Rutgers Office of Teaching Evaluation and Assessment Research
- Participant: Developing Classroom Policies and Practices to Respond to ChatGPT (2023)
Rutgers Office of Teaching Evaluation and Assessment Research
- Participant: Campus Connect Suicide Prevention Training (2021)
Rutgers Student Health
- Participant: Mental Health First Aid Training Course (2021)
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- Participant: Intro to Teaching Online: Best Practices for Supporting Student Learning (2020)
Rutgers Teaching and Learning with Technology
- Participant: Fundamentals of Designing Online Courses (2020)
Rutgers Teaching and Learning with Technology
- Participant: Data for Public Good Workshop (2018)
Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
- Participant: Innovation Hub Leadership Workshop (2018)
Rutgers Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation
- Participant: Effective Mentoring Workshop (2018)
Program for Early Career Excellence
- Participant: Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity Workshop (2017)
Program for Early Career Excellence
- Participant: Active Learning Bootcamp (2016)
Learning Centers & Digital Classroom Services

Rutgers University: Other activities

- Member: *Rutgers Program for Early Career Excellence* (2016–2019)
- Guest speaker: Faculty-student salon SC&I Unplugged (2018)

SERVICE: ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Journal editorial boards

- *Communication Research* (Editorial Board: 2020–present)
- *Computational Communication Research* (Editorial Board: 2018–present)
- *Information, Communication & Society* (Editorial Board: 2024–present)
- *International Journal of Press/Politics* (Editorial Board: 2024–present)
- *Human Communication Research* (Editorial Board: 2023–present)
- *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media* (Editorial Board: 2021–present)
- *PNAS Nexus* (Social & Political Science Editor: 2022–present)

Journal ad hoc reviewer

- *American Behavioral Scientist*
- *British Journal of Political Science*
- *Communication Methods and Measures*
- *Communication Monographs*
- *Communication Reports*
- *Communication Research*
- *Communication Theory*
- *Computational Communication Research*
- *Cyberpsychology*
- *Digital Journalism*
- *EPJ Data Science*
- *Human Communication Research*
- *Information, Communication & Society*
- *International Journal of Communication*
- *International Journal of E-Politics*
- *International Journal of Press/Politics*
- *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*
- *JAMA Network Open*
- *Journal of Children and Media*
- *Journal of Communication*
- *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*
- *Journal of Experimental Political Science*
- *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*
- *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*

- *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*
- *Journalism Studies*
- *Mass Communication and Society*
- *Nature*
- *Nature Communications*
- *Nature Human Behaviour*
- *New Media & Society*
- *PLOS ONE*
- *PNAS Nexus*
- *Policy & Internet*
- *Political Communication*
- *Public Opinion Quarterly*
- *Science*
- *Social Media + Society*
- *Social Network Analysis and Mining*
- *Transactions on Internet Technology (ACM)*

Book chapter reviewer

- *Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science* (2025)
- *The Oxford Handbook of Networked Communication* (2018)
- *The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks* (2016)

Grant reviewer

- *NSF RISBS Research Infrastructure in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (2024, 2025 x 4)
- *European Commission, European Research Council Starting Grants* (2024 x 2)
- *European Commission Consolidator Grants, Human-Machine Social Systems* (2023)
- *Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Trust and Influence Program* (2023)
- *NSF Human Networks and Data Science* (2022, 2023 x 2)
- *NSF Science of Science: Discovery, Communication, Impact* (2022)
- *TESS Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences* (2021)

Committee service

- *National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*
Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication (2024–present)
Planning Committee: Health Communication in the Current Information Environment (2023)
- *ACM Web Science Conference (WebSci)*
“Test of Time” Award Committee (2023)

- *International Communication Association (ICA)*
Computational Communication Best Paper Award Committee – Chair (2024)
Computational Communication Dissertation Award Committee (2023)
- *American Political Science Association (APSA)*
Political Networks Career Achievement Award Committee (2025)
John Sprague Best Paper Award Committee (2023)
Political Networks (POLNET) Funding Committee (2019)
Political Ties Award Committee (2018)
- *National Internet Observatory (NIO)*
Science Advisory Board (2024–2025)

Conference organization

- *ACM Web Science Conference (WebSci)*
General Chair (2025)
Program Chair (2023)
Workshops and Tutorials Chair (2019)
Senior Program Committee (2022)
Program Committee (2021)
- *APSA Political Networks Conference (POLNET)*
Program Chair (2025)
Program Chair (2024)
- *Politics and Computational Social Science Conference (PaCSS)*
Program Chair (2025)
- *International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)*
Workshop Chair (2021)
Tutorial Chair (2019)
Senior Program Committee (2016, 2017, 2018)
- *Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS)*
Co-organizer, Rutgers University (2021)
- *International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)*
Program Committee (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- *VIM: Visions in Methodology Conference*
Program Committee (2018)
- *International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo)*
Program Committee (2017)
- *World Wide Web Conference (WWW)*
Program Committee, Theory & Practice of Social Machines (2015)
Program Committee, Web Science Track (2014, 2015)
- *HICSS: Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*
Reviewer (2015)
- *ICA: Annual Convention of the International Communication Association*
Reviewer (2009–2019)
- *NCA: Annual Convention of the National Communication Association*
Reviewer (2009–2016)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Communication Association (ICA)
- National Communication Association (NCA)
- International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Political Networks Division of American Political Science Association (APSA)

SELECTED MEDIA MENTIONS

- *Trump's White House is testing the limits of AI-driven political messaging*
Poynter (2025) by L. Tuquero
- *How Donald Trump uses artificial intelligence to promote himself, mock others*
PolitiFact (2025) by L. Tuquero
- *Terminated NIH grants are being reinstated almost entirely in blue states*
STAT (2025) by A. Oza
- *Future Pulse: DeepSeek has a problem*
Politico (2025) by R. Reader & C. Paun
- *Pediatricians try new tactics to win over vaccine skeptics*
New York Times (2025) by M. Wenner Moyer
- *You might discover a conspiracy theory on social media — but you're more likely to believe it if you hear it from a friend*
Nieman Lab (2025) by J. Benton
- *Conspiracy theories about Trump's assassination have exploded. Here's why.*
Boston Globe (2024) by A. Ryan
- *Americans are losing faith in food safety. Is the system to blame?*
Washington Post (2024) by T. Carman
- *Twitter barred them. What happened when Elon Musk brought them back?*
New York Times (2024) by K. Conger, T. Hsu, & A. Krolik
- *Misinformation roiled the 2016 and 2020 elections. Here's what to expect as 2024 races heat up.*
Boston Globe (2024) by A. Ryan
- *Urgent societal problems: How important are networks?*
Computational Communication Science Podcast (2024) by E. Domahidi & M. Haim
- *People, not Google's algorithm, create their own partisan 'bubbles' online*
Scientific American (2023) by J. Thompson
- *Katherine Ognyanova on networks*
Knitting Networks Podcast (2023) by F. Ortiz Ruiz & A. Espinosa-Rada
- *Even when the pandemic fades, the depression it has wrought will linger*
STAT (2022) by R. H. Perlis & **K. Ognyanova**
- *50% of young adults report symptoms of depression, new Covid-19 survey shows*
Forbes (2022) by D. Gordon

- *How many people died believing vaccine misinformation?*
Washington Post (2022), editorial.
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Lazer, D., Baum, M., **Ognyanova, K.**, Green, J., & Safarpour, A. (2022). *Pandemic and partisanship: Evaluating the effect of COVID-19 on patterns of political approval and voting decisions*. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Quintana-Mathé, A.*, Lazer, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Perlis, R. H., Baum, M., & Druckman, J. (2022). *The differential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing on social support in the US*. Annual Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (INAS), Florence, Italy.

Ognyanova, K. (2021). *COVID-19 vaccine misperceptions, uncertainty, and health outcomes*. Rutgers COVID-19 Research Retreat, conducted online.

Quintana-Mathé, A.*, Lazer, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Perlis, R. H., Baum, M., & Druckman, J. (2021). *Social isolation and social networks in the United States through the COVID-19 pandemic*. Networks 2021, a joint INSNA Sunbelt and NetSci Conference, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K. (2021). *Pandemic information and misinformation*. COVID-19 and Society. 13th ACM Web Science Conference (WebSci'21), conducted online.

Druckman, J., Lazer, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Baum, M., & Simonson, M.* (2020). *Vulnerable populations and COVID-19 misinformation*. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, conducted online.

Simonson, M.*, **Ognyanova, K.**, Baum, M., Druckman, J., & Lazer, D. (2020). *Black networks matter*. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, conducted online.

Simonson, M.*, Lazer, D., Santillana, M., **Ognyanova, K.**, Della Volpe, J., Baum, M., Perlis, R. H., Druckman, J., & Green, J. (2020). *Risk factors for SARS-cov-2 transmission through intrahousehold networks*. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K. (2020). *The networks of politics: Tie strength and the spread of political knowledge*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K., Lazer, D., Robertson, R., & Wilson, C. (2020). *The consequences of fake news: Misinformation, media trust, and confidence in political institutions*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, conducted online.

Ognyanova, K. (2019). *Contagious politics: The spread of political knowledge through online and offline social networks*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Bejarano, W.*, Ru, X.*, Kim, M.*, & **Ognyanova, K.** (2019). *Social media signals in communication research*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Ognyanova, K. (2019). *Social choices: The spread of attitudes towards media and politics in online and offline social networks*. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Ognyanova, K. (2019). *The social context of media trust: A network influence model*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

[Top 4 Papers, Mass Communication Division]

Bontempo, A.*, **Ognyanova, K.**, & Mikesell, L. (2018). *Therapeutic affordances of patient online communities*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Bontempo, A.*, **Ognyanova, K.**, & Mikesell, L. (2018). *High incidence of diagnostic error of endometriosis in Australia, Canada, Ireland, Romania, and the UK*. European Health Psychology Society (EHPS) Annual Conference, Galway, Ireland.

Ognyanova, K. (2018). *Using computational and networked tools to rebuild media theory*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Prague, Czech Republic.

Bontempo, A.*, **Ognyanova, K.**, & Mikesell, L. (2018). *Trust in physicians predicts patient online community use in women with endometriosis*. Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY.

Bontempo, A.*, **Ognyanova, K.**, & Mikesell, L. (2018). *High incidence of diagnostic error of endometriosis in the US*. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Katz, V. S., Moran, M., & **Ognyanova, K.** (2017). *Contextualizing connectivity: How internet quality and parental factors impact lower-income children's technology use*. Digital Media & Learning Conference, Irvine, CA.

- Ognyanova, K.** (2017). *Challenges and opportunities of computational media research*. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2017). *Trends, tools, and techniques in network visualization for the social sciences*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Lazer, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Neblo, M., & Minozzi, W. (2017). *Cross-cutting pressures and the emergence of political identity in 2016*. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *The road to rebuilding media theory: Computational and network approaches to mass communication*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Fukuoka, Japan.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *Promoting transparency and replicability in communication research*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Fukuoka, Japan.
- Liu, W., Chen, N.-T., **Ognyanova, K.**, Ball-Rokeach, S., & Parks, M. (2016). *Paths of influence between a hyperlocal news website and civic engagement in a multiethnic community*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Fukuoka, Japan.
- Weber, M., **Ognyanova, K.**, & Kosterich, A.* (2016). *Imitation in the quest to adapt: Lessons from news media on the early web*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Song, H., Minozzi, W., **Ognyanova, K.**, Lazer, D., & Neblo, M. (2016). *Who discusses politics, why, and how?* American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Radford, J., Pilny, A., Reichelmann, A.*, Keegan, B., Foucault Welles, B., **Ognyanova, K.**, Hoye, J., Meleis, W., & Lazer, D. (2016). *Volunteer Science as an online platform for experiments in organizations*. Academy of Management (AOM) Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- Song, H., Minozzi, W., Lazer, D., Neblo, M., & **Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *The incidental pundit: Intention and opportunity in political conversation*. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Song, H., Minozzi, W., Lazer, D., Neblo, M., & **Ognyanova, K.** (2016). *Differing perspectives on informal political conversation and their implications*. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Ognyanova, K.**, Lazer, D., Neblo, M., & Minozzi, W. (2015). *Drivers of young adult political identity: The role of peers in political behavior*. Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Portland, OR.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2015). *The end of mass communication is really just a beginning: Using computational and network approaches to rebuild media theory*. Communication Science in the Digital Age: New Frontiers in Theory and Research Workshop, International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, San Juan, PR.
- Radford, J., Keegan, B., **Ognyanova, K.**, Foucault Welles, B., Hoye, J., Karbeyaz, C., Meleis, W., & Lazer, D. (2015). *Validating massively open online social experiments with Volunteer Science*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, San Juan, PR.

Ognyanova, K. (2015). *Online experiments: Methods, opportunities, and challenges*. Panel at the International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, San Juan, PR.

Lazer, D., Meleis, W., Foucault Welles, B., Riedl, C., Radford, J., Keegan, B., **Ognyanova, K.**, Wojcik, S., Hoyer, J., & Karbeyaz, C. (2015). *Performing massively open online social experiments with Volunteer Science*. Crowdsourcing and Online Behavioral Experiments Workshop (COBE), Portland, OR.

Keegan, B., **Ognyanova, K.**, Radford, J., Foucault Welles, B., Riedl, C., Hoyer, J., Karbeyaz, C., Meleis, W., & Lazer, D. (2015). *Conducting massively open online social experiments with Volunteer Science*. Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Radford, J., Keegan, B., Hoyer, J., Karbeyaz, C., **Ognyanova, K.**, Foucault Welles, B., Meleis, W., & Lazer, D. (2015). *Conducting massively open online social experiments with Volunteer Science*. International Conference on Weblogs and Social Media (ICWSM), Oxford, UK.

Ognyanova, K., Lazer, D., Neblo, M., Minozzi, W., & Rubineau, B. (2014). *What you know and who you know: Discussion networks and political knowledge*. Political Networks (POLNET) Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Ognyanova, K., Lazer, D., Neblo, M., Minozzi, W., & Rubineau, B. (2014). *Ties that bind across contexts: Personality and the evolution of multiplex networks*. NetSci Annual Conference, Berkeley, CA.

Lazer, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Neblo, M., Minozzi, W., & Rubineau, B. (2014). *The social control of political participation: Conflict and contagion as processes (de)mobilizing voting*. Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL.

Ognyanova, K. (2014). *Dynamic agenda-convergence networks: Predictors of homogeneity in news content across outlets and sectors*. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Kimura, J., **Ognyanova, K.**, & Beacom, A. (2014). *Using network analysis of patient referral pathways to guide healthcare utilization management strategy*. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Weber, M., Lazer, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, & Kosterich, A.* (2014). *Utilizing large scale archival Internet data to study organizational interaction*. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Ognyanova, K. (2013). *Media fragmentation and thematic homogeneity: Predictors of agenda convergence in online and offline news content*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Ognyanova, K. (2013). *Dynamic agenda-convergence networks: Predictors of homogeneity in news content across outlets and sectors*. USC Annenberg Graduate Fellowship Program Research and Creative Project Symposium, Los Angeles, CA.

Ognyanova, K. (2012). *Political efficacy on the Internet: A media system dependency approach*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
[Top Paper, Political Communication Division]

Ognyanova, K., Chen, N.-T. N., An, Z., Son, M., Ball-Rokeach, S. J., Parks, M., & Gerson, D. (2012). *Online participation in a community context: Patterns of civic engagement and connections to local*

- communication resources*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Chen, N.-T. N., **Ognyanova, K.**, Zhao, N., Liu, W., Gerson, D., Ball-Rokeach, S. J., & Parks, M. (2012). *Communication and socio-demographic forces shaping civic engagement patterns in a multiethnic neighborhood*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Ognyanova, K.**, & Monge, P. (2012). *A multilevel, multidimensional network model of the media system: Production, content, and audiences*. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference, Redondo Beach, CA.
- Huang, M., Margolin, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Huang, Y., & Contractor, N. (2011). *Understanding and enabling network dynamics in virtual communities*. Academy of Management (AOM) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Ball-Rokeach, S. J., & **Ognyanova, K.** (2011). *The impact of digital media on political and civic engagement: Do digital media matter?* Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Ball-Rokeach, S. J., Parks, M., Chen, N.-T. N., **Ognyanova, K.**, Liu, W., & Zhao, N. (2011). *The Alhambra Project: Empowering urban community building through a research-driven local news website*. International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) Annual Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2011). *Actors and links in the media system: Applying a network perspective to the study of media production, content and audience*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- Ognyanova, K.** (2011). *Appropriation of news media content: A key mode of online participation*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- Huang, M., Huang, Y., Contractor, N., Margolin, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, & Shen, C. (2011). *Social networks in R&D, the public sector, and for entrepreneurship*. Communities & Technologies 2011, Brisbane, Australia.
- Ognyanova, K.**, Chen, N.-T. N., Ball-Rokeach, S. J., & Parks, M. (2011). *Alhambra Source: Enhancing civic engagement in a multiethnic community*. USC Graduate and Professional Studies Symposium, Los Angeles, CA. **[First place award in the Social Science category]**
- Ognyanova, K.** (2010). *Media transformations and public opinion: Agenda-setting in a digital age*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Ball-Rokeach, S. J., Parks, M., Chen, N.-T. N., & **Ognyanova, K.** (2010). *Building new media bridges across ethnicity en route to increased civic engagement*. National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Huang, M., Huang, Y., Margolin, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Shen, C., & Contractor, N. (2010). *The effects of diversity and repeat collaboration on performance in distributed nanoscientist teams*. Academy of Management (AOM) Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada.
[OCIS Carolyn Dexter Award Nominee]

Ognyanova, K., Margolin, D., Shen, C., Huang, M., Huang, Y., & Contractor, N. (2010). *Team assembly and scientific collaboration on NanoHub*. International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Sunbelt Conference, Riva del Garda, Trento, Italy.

Huang, M., Huang, Y., Margolin, D., **Ognyanova, K.**, Shen, C., & Contractor, N. (2010). *Size, diversity, & beyond: A mediated model of team composition and performance in "Team Science"*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Singapore.

Ognyanova, K. (2010). *Talking past each other: Academic and media framing of literacy*. Annenberg Graduate Fellowship Program Research and Creative Project Symposium, Los Angeles, CA.

Ognyanova, K. (2009). *Careful what you say: Media control in Putin's Russia – implications for online content*. International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.