Working with the Media: 
Strategies from a Child Psychologist’s Perspective

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Learning Objectives

- Enhance their ability to establish their expertise on social media.
- Identify common pitfalls of social media use.
- Be familiar with strategies for working with the media.
Do you use social media?

Social Media and Psychology

- There are positive benefits of using social media (Fleck & Johnson-Migalski, 2015; Kolmes, 2012)
  - Collecting research data
  - Providing resources in response to disasters
  - Providing credible psychological information
  - Networking
  - Marketing clinical services or training
The public use social media to seek resources, find providers, and review providers’ credentials (Kolmes, 2012; Kolmes & Taube, 2016). Professionals are also increasingly using social media (Kolmes & Taube, 2016). For example: podcast, twitter chats, professional bloggings, or TikTok. Both personal and professional use of social media may impact your relationships and career. Web searches could work for or against your professional advancement.
What do psychologists want to learn about social media use?

What concerns do psychologists have about using social media?
Potential Pitfalls (Cotterill & Symes, 2014; Pham, 2014)

- “Leakage” between professional and personal accounts
- Online presence may be viewed by clients or employers
- Legal liability
- Disciplinary Action
Using Social Media to Advance Your Career

http://careersinpsychology.org/100-psychology-twitter-accounts-follow/

Communicating on Social Media
(Kaplan & Haenlein, 2010; Pham, 2014)

- Be active!
- Choose the right application for your purpose
- Remember anything published is NOT confidential
- Avoid ethical dilemmas
- Become familiar with social media policies
- Ask for Help
  - Join Division 46 – Media Psychology and Technology

Instagram Live
w/Iaris Elba & Sabrina Elba about racism
Tips for Communicating with the Media

**Working with Print Media**
- Be prepared
- Know the risks
- Know when to decline
- Thank the journalist

**Working with Broadcast Media**
- Ask about the story’s angle
- Be Prompt
- Ask if there will be guest
- Avoid technical language
- Think in sound bites

Resources

- Tips for communicating science
  [http://www.apa.org/monitor/2016/01/pi-word.aspx](http://www.apa.org/monitor/2016/01/pi-word.aspx)

- How to Work With the Media: Interview Preparation for the Psychologist
  [http://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/media/index.aspx](http://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/media/index.aspx)

- **Webinar**: Social Media Trends, Best Practices and Compliance for Healthcare Professionals
Questions/Comments

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