

New Edition of Ruth Finnegan’s “Communicating” Reveals the Multi-Sensory Nature of Human Communication

RUTH FINNEGAN

COMMUNICATING

The Multiple Modes of
Human Communication

Third Edition



Tomah, Wisconsin Nov 29, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Renowned anthropologist Ruth Finnegan releases the third edition of her groundbreaking book, *Communicating: The Multiple Modes of Human Communication*. This updated edition expands on her pioneering work exploring how humans and animals use diverse forms of communication beyond words, including gesture, sight, touch, sound, and even olfaction.

About the Book

Finnegan challenges traditional word-centered models of communication by presenting a transdisciplinary overview that includes linguistic anthropology, material culture, non-verbal communication, and research on animal communication. Drawing from decades of field research, historical studies, and classical scholarship, the book examines how humans and other animals connect across space and time using a multitude of sensory modes. The third edition features updated chapters, additional illustrations, and a new concluding chapter that questions long-held assumptions about the origins of human communication.

Inspiration Behind the Work

Finnegan was inspired to write this edition through both personal observations and professional research. Observing how her own dogs communicated sparked curiosity about multi-sensory communication, leading her to investigate how humans and animals transmit meaning through non-verbal and extra-sensory cues. Fieldwork in West Africa and decades of anthropological study further deepened her understanding of the wide-ranging modes through which humans connect with each other and the natural world.

Message to Readers

Finnegan invites readers to explore the astonishing diversity of human and animal communication. This edition encourages reflection on how we interact with others, highlighting the continuity between human and animal behaviors. Readers will gain a fresh perspective on language, gesture, and perception while appreciating the complexity of communication across cultures and species.

About the Author

Ruth Finnegan is a distinguished anthropologist and author with a career spanning decades. Her expertise in linguistic and sensory anthropology has informed a series of influential publications, lectures, and field research worldwide. Finnegan's work consistently highlights the intricate ways humans connect, interact, and interpret the world around them.

Previous Promotional Activities

While the book itself has not been widely promoted, Finnegan's research and insights have been featured in numerous lectures and academic forums across the globe.

Availability

Communicating: The Multiple Modes of Human Communication is now available on Amazon:
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CKFNP7S1>

Website: www.ruthhfinnegan.com

The Spotlight Network on Communicating by Ruth Finnegan: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNSA2_UZS-g



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